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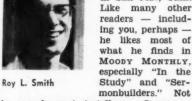
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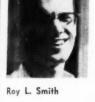
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month in the article, "Kept Safe from Worldliness," a study from I Corinthians by Robert L. Constable. Back in 1940, Mr. Constable gave up a career as a sales executive to join the staff of Moody

Bible Institute, later becoming a vicepresident of that organization. The gist of his article was first given in an adult Bible class in a Plymouth Brethren Assembly.

BECAUSE WE WERE UNABLE last month to include a picture of the author of the

current series of articles on D. L. Moody, we are glad to do so now and to extend our previous introduction of Richard K. Curtis. Associate professor of speech and homiletics at Bethel College



and Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., Dr. Curtis not long ago invested three years' time and 450 pages of material in his doctoral dissertation at Purdue University on "The Pulpit Speaking of Dwight L. Moody." Dr. Curtis was a fighter pilot in World War II, the only one of twelve in his group to return home with his tour of duty completed.

IF YOU ARE ONE of those "too busy" people alerted last month to watch for an especially helpful feature, you'll want to turn right now to "Decisive Living" on page 24. This counseling article by a Christian physician who has treated Christians both on the mission field and in private practice, in our judgment offers the key to many a believer's personal problems.

IN CASE YOU'RE WONDERING, "Christians, Luxury and Sacrifice" comes from Larslan, Mont., where the author, Walter Schlichting is pastor of the Mennonite Brethren Church. And "A Tract a Day" is the work of the able New York writer who signs herself Martha M. Evans and who not long ago authored the article, "Hooks of Satan."

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THE WAY TO EASTER FAITH-All three-Mary, Peter and John-saw the empty tomb, but each saw something different! How are you looking at the facts of the resurrection? Watch for this helpful article by Curtis B. Akenson.

STARS IN MY CROWN-At last she could look forward to a little time to do the things she'd longed to do. Then came the dream-shattering word . . . and a new discovery she would not have missed for all the world. A story you'll long remember.

STEP INTO YOUR PASTOR'S SHOES -Do you ever wonder what keeps your pastor busy? Find out as you make the rounds with him in this article by Doris Louise Seger.

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THINGS go by so fast," protested Mommie, watching the family movies and trying to recapture happy moments of yesteryears. "You don't even get a chance to tell what it's all about. Run that one over again, will you, Honey? (The one showing them all little up in the hay field.) My, that seems ages ago! And yet, in another way it was only yesterday . .

"Look at the twins' hair-just curly fuzzletops! And look at Net's teeth when she smiles. Just supposing we hadn't had them straightened! What would they be by now? And there's Tad, the same wistful one he is today. Oh, look at Bobbie! Oh, I wish she were that little again."

All down through the years Mommie had been warned about this day. The older women would remark, "Yes, physically they're a heavy burden now, being so close together, but they'll grow up so fast, and before you know it you won't have any babies left." And now the baby was six-and-a-half, a sweet, brown-eyed, chunky little girl, our "Bobbie."

"It was hard," thought Mommie, remembering the time there were babies in diapers-and no clothes dryer. "The times I've lugged great baskets of wet clothes upstairs and draped things over racks and even chairs. And the staving home . . . and staying home . . . and staying home!"

The Lord met the special need of those days with His invitation, "Come unto Me, all you who are tired out and carrying burdens" (Matthew 11:28, Aramaic). To know that He is giving strength for the day, and understanding the limitations of one's patience and energy make Him so near at hand, so real. Every burden has its special blessing.

Not long ago the family sat around the fireplace at evening. With Bibles in hand, they read verse about-oldest ones, the

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six-footers, the four junior high youngsters, Tad and Bobbie. Old Tex sprawled out on the hearth rug with Taddie nearby to drape an arm around his neck.

Mommie looked at them, loving them. And then suddenly, in a moment of clarity, she saw them. Really saw them, and that moment became infinitely precious. It fixed itself upon her memory with the sharpness of a photo. And she knew what it was all about. These so soon-to-be-grown sons and daughters with all their gifts and needs-these are what she has been helping build all through the years-a reward and at the same time a continuing responsibility.

The physical need is not so great any more, but for these next few years, the need of much prayer for them will be very great. To have brought them along from baby days is to have known much of the supply of God's grace and strength.

Now to strengthen her determination to help pray them into the Lord's place for them will be to learn how to trust the work of the Holy Spirit in their hearts and lives and to "rest in the Lord and in the power of His might."

The moment passed, and once again Mommie heard verse after verse being read, not always with good attention or interest. But the children were there in the family circle with the Word of God in their hands. And encircling them all were the wisdom and love and tenderness of our dear heavenly Father.

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NEWS REPORT worldwide news

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PRESSTIME PARAGRAPHS

Youth for Christ International has named Dr. Robert A. Cook chairman of its board of directors and Dr. Ted W. Engstrom its new president. Dr. Cook recently resigned as YFC president to accept a post as vice-president of Scripture Press after September 1.

NEWSQUOTE of the Month

"The Dead Sea Scrolls, in addition to many other things are beginning to yield information about music. Dr. Eric Werner of Hebrew Union College (New York) is one of the music scholars poring over them. At the annual meeting of the American Musicological Society at the University of Illinois he revealed some of his findings. They strengthen the theory that much Christian church music derives from Hebrew models, and they even indicate that early Christian notation may have been based on earlier Hebrew attempts at musical notation."

Story Behind the Quote: This hint that the Hebrews had an early system of music notation appeared in a feature article in The New York Times, written by Ross Parmenter. It was based on an article in the current issue of Musical

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Other observations: "The marks suggesting primitive attempts at notation were found in the scroll called *Isaiah*. Dr. Werner found that five marks were identical with those in Byzantine notation of the fifth and sixth centuries. Other marks closely resembled those of early Byzantine use.

"In the two hymns in the scroll, Manual of Discipline, Dr. Werner found poetic structures closely resembling those of the Eucharistic hymns of the early Christian church. In Hymns of Thanksgiving he found what may be a missing link between the old Psalms and the fully developed antiphon that had come into being in Christian service by the third century.

"The War of the Children of Light Against the Children of Darkness yielded evidence that the trumpets used in the Temple in Jerusalem were so constructed that their pitches could be regulated exactly. The same scroll showed that the priestly trumpeters could give intricate signals on six or seven trumpets sounding in unison and that they knew the techniques of tonguing and double-tonguing."

Rare Print of Preacher Given to Princeton Library

A copy of what is believed to be the first American engraving, has been given to the Princeton University Library. It is a portrait of Richard Mather. Descendants of the Mather family of Colonial Puritan ministers presented the woodcut that was executed in Boston about 287 years ago.

The print, which measures five by six inches, is thought to be the first American book illustration. Authorities believe the reproduction was designed, cut and printed in about 1670 by John Foster, first printer of Boston.

President Eisenhower Given 'Fishers of Men' Lapel Pin

President Eisenhower received a delegation of Presbyterian preachers at the White House last January and accepted from them a green enameled lapel pin in the form of a fish. The pin is the symbol of a Presbyterian men's organization, called "The Fishers of Men." David W. Proffitt, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, gave the pin to the President during an hour-long visit.

The President is a member of the lay group's chapter of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington. Its pastor, Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, was a member of the delegation.

(Item: Observers at both ceremonies marking the President's second term inauguration noted that the Bible on which he rested his hand was a well-worn volume. It had been given to him upon his graduation from West Point in 1915—by his mother. During the ceremonies in Washington the President's personal Bible was opened to Psalm 33:12 which reads: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His inheritance.")

Chicago TV Audience May Yet See 'Martin Luther' Film

Because the film "Martin Luther" was canceled shortly before it was scheduled for its first TV showing by Chicago's station WGN-TV last Christmas season, the station "has not closed the door to re-scheduling the picture," according to Robert E. A. Lee, executive secretary of Lutheran Church Productions, the agency that made the film.

A WGN-TV spokesman admitted that the ban had "stirred the greatest letter and telegram response in the station's history." The protest quickly became a national crusade when the cancellation was attributed variously to "Roman Catholic pressure," "censorship" or "pressure by a minority religious group."

Commenting on the "positive values growing out of this attempt at censorship," Clifford E. Dahlin, executive director of the Lutheran Council of Greater Chicago, stated in a memorandum to all Lutheran churches in that area that "it has been demonstrated in such terms that no one will likely soon forget that freedom-loving Chicagoans treasure deeply their American liberties and will actively resist every effort to curtail them."

Joining in the protest, the Midwest Regional Area of the National Association of Evangelicals has requested the House Un-American

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· CARL F. H. HENRY, editor of Christianity Today, addressing a meeting of the ninth annual convention of the Evangelical Press Association in Cincinnati, Ohio, declared, "The vocational witness and walk of the evangelical journalist in his chosen profession of phrases and paragraphs are part of a sacred responsibility to our flustered world. By the grace of God may we resolve to hold both our heads

. J. EDWIN ORR and members of his Revival Fellowship Team, after closing a successful series of evangelistic meetings in New Zealand last year, have begun a campaign in Victoria which will preface a year of intensive effort in

- LEHMAN STRAUSS, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, Bristol, Pa., has accepted a call to the pastorate of Highland Park Baptist Church, Highland Park, Mich. Dr. Strauss succeeds Dr. William G. Coltman, who died more than a year ago. Because of prior Bible conference engagements Dr. Strauss will not take up his new pastorate until the end of this month.
- HARRY G. BRISTOW, founder of Christian Youth Cinema which sponsors the National Evangelical Film Foundation Awards each year, also conducts a weekly "Gospel Disc Jockey" radio program heard over eight radio stations. Latest station to air the broadcast was the new 50,000 watt HCJB in Quito, Ecuador.
- · CALVIN CHAO, evangelical pastor who obtained international recognition during World War II as founder and director of an indigenous student movement in China, has been appointed head of the Chinese department of International Students, Inc. He will spearhead Christian activity among 4,000 Chinese students in the U.S. and at the same time direct ISI work among Chinese students in the Far East.

Torrey

- MITSUO FUCHIDA, who as a pilot in the Japanese Navy led the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, is back in the U.S. for a missionary tour. Converted after the war, the 54year-old evangelist is a leader in Sky Pilots of America, a group which aims at interesting boys in Christian work through their love of airplanes, and trains young men to be flying missionaries. He is also chief of the Sky Pilots of Japan. For several years he has been doing evangelistic work among his countrymen.
- · REUBEN ARCHER TORREY, JR., son of the late Dr. R. A. Torrey (once head of Moody Bible Institute, and of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles) is director of the Vocational Center at the Korean Amputee Rehabilitation Project in Taejon. Dr. Torrey, himself an amputee as the result of an accident in 1945 while acting as a liaison officer for General Chiang Kai-shek, has an unusual ministry among the handicapped. Recently thirty-four Korean amputees professed their faith in Christ.
- ROBERT EUGENE RICHARDS, La Verne, Calif., was named by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of 1956. The Jaycees announced that as minister, amateur athlete and teacher Richards "exemplifies youth with a purpose for the benefit of all mankind." Mr. Richards, 30-year-old 1956 Oylmpic pole-vault champion, is former pastor of the First Church of the Brethren, Long Beach, Calif.
- AL SMITH, publisher of sacred music with many best sellers to his credit, including the popular Inspiring Hymns hymnal, has launched a new enterprise designed to provide local churches with sacred music helps. The new project, under the name Better Choirs, will release two bi-monthly publications—Songster and Chorister—which promise to "provide music for the average church which is practical, yet simply and effectively arranged and geared for the Christ-centered choir."

Affairs Committee to investigate the matter as an abridgement of freedom of speech by WGN-TV. In a wire to the committee, Midwest Regional Director, Charles J. Anderson, stated: "The Midwest Region of the National Association of Evangelicals by action of its Executive Board . . . requests an immediate investigation by the House Un-American Affairs Committee of the banning of the film 'Martin Luther' by WGN-TV, Chicago, as an abridgement of freedom of speech and de facto censorship of a public media of information by a single sectarian organization; and, in addition, the denial of WGN-TV of adequate and proper Protestant representation in the final negotiations with the station in this

New Greek-English Lexicon Published by Cambridge

First new Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament in nearly seventy years was published last month by the Cambridge University Press. Production of the 998-page book was made possible by grants from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

The lexicon, which required nearly nine years to prepare, has more than 22,000 entries of Greek words used in the New Testament and other early Christian writings. Included in the book are many new items, the result of research and discovery of old manuscripts since 1889, when the last previous lexicon made its appearance.

Communist Printed Bibles Reach Canada and U.S.

Several hundred Bibles printed on communist presses in Hungary are being distributed in the U.S., Canada, Australia and New Zealand. This unusual situation was explained in the Canadian periodical Mennonite Observer as follows:

"Hungary, which recently made such a gallant bid for freedom, has been preparing itself spiritually for the struggle for many years. Christian people have been rising at 5 and 6 A.M. for group Bible study before going out to their daily work in an increasingly hostile atmosphere. Interest in Bible reading has resulted in increased interest in Bible distribution. The Hungarian Bible Council, now a member of the United Bible Societies, took over and received a yearly gift of fifty

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tons of Bible paper as a joint gift from the American Bible Society and the British and Foreign Bible Society. This year the quantity was increased to eighty-two tons, a contribution of about \$3,500.

"Since money to pay for this paper could not leave the country, the Hungarian Bible Council offered to print Bibles in the Hungarian lanuguage for the contributing Societies to distribute in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United States. So it is that Bibles printed on communist presses have been circulated here in the free world during the past few months..."

Hints of Colombian Aid to Protestants

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The U.S. State Department recently hinted that the Republic of Colombia is reconsidering an order banning a substantial area of the country to Protestant missionaries. In a letter to Dr. Clyde Taylor, secretary of affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals, the State Department also admitted that "since 1951 there have been numerous incidents of violence against American Protestant missionaries and the destruction of American mission property."

"Under terms of a so-called Mission Agreement signed by the government of Colombia in January 1953," the department said, "the Roman Catholic Church was given the exclusive right to proselytize and carry on religious and educational work in a considerably expanded area, believed now to constitute between two-thirds and three-fourths of the national territory." As a result of this order, a number of American Protestant missions have been ordered closed.

"Since 1953 our Embassy at Bogota," continued the State Department letter, "has taken up this question on numerous occasions with the Colombian Foreign Office, "emphasizing the long period over which Protestant establishments have existed in this area and the inequity of the action taken against them. The Colombian government has given considerable study to the problem, and has indicated that it hopes it will be possible to re-open the closed churches in the near future."

British Paper Finds Sunday Schools Losing Favor

The London Times has surveyed the place of children in the church and concluded that the name "Sunday school" is no longer in favor. It has discovered some attempts to find such substitutes as "children's church," "junior church" and "family church." But no new designation can hide the bare fact that attendance at British Sunday schools is steadily dropping.

The *Times* insists, however, that the Sunday school will always have a distinctive value. "The best Sunday schools are not failing," it declared.

Fear New Guinea Uprising May Hinder Missions

Missionaries in Dutch New Guinea are concerned over the possible adverse outcome of a report sent to The Hague concerning recent uprisings in which Christian and Missionary Alliance property was damaged and at least twelve native teachers were killed. They are concerned lest missionary activity in other less controlled areas might be restricted, even though no missionary life was lost.

An on the spot report from the Wissel Lakes area stated that "many hundreds of Kapauko natives suddenly surged up in a mass riot against government and missionary personnel alike. Three large valleys of people—Obano, Muja and Kamu—comprising a vast area, are mainly responsible for the out-

"All the missionary personnel," continued the report, "were attending a church service on the other side of the lake when the uprising began. Smoke could be seen rising from many buildings, including the house of Miss Stringer (a CMA Dutch missionary). All her belongings have been lost, and she most assuredly would have lost her life had she been in the house at the time. A government policeman was killed, also, and some Roman Catholic buildings were burnt to the ground, but the teacher and his wife escaped.

"The CMA's new Cessna plane with less than fifty hours flying time, very recently flown up from Australia to replace one recently damaged beyond repair when it overturned during a trial landing at Homeo, has been hacked in half, and it is extremely doubtful if even one plane can be built out of the two. Mr. and Mrs. Cutts at Homeo are completely cut off, except for radio contact, and a two-hourly vigil has been maintained with them since.

"Government police have been flown in, and seven of the uprising Kapaukos have been killed. Nevertheless, owing to the lack of government police numerically, and the large area involved, the situation is by no means good. The revolting natives have retreated. To date none of the natives responsible for the killings have been captured . . ."

Electronics to Speed Up Religious Research

A research center for mechanized indexing and analyzing of religious, literary and scientific works has been opened at Gallarate's Aloisianum, one of Italy's leading schools of philosophy. The center, according to Roberto Busa, director, is the world's first such workshop and represents "a major contribution to the world-wide efforts to place information hitherto difficult to obtain at the instant disposal of researchers."

One of the first projects to be undertaken at the new center is the completion of indices of the Dead Sea scrolls. (Item: Using the center's newest electronic data processing machine one man can now index in sixty hours a 2,000-page book which formerly took three men, using manual methods, 20,000 hours to index.)

Roundup of Significant News Briefs

Conversions are expected as a result of a special edition of 585,000 gospel tracts printed by Christian Witness Press in nine languages. The tracts were printed on banknote paper which was surplus from the years 1946-47 when China was plagued with currency inflation and large stocks of the paper were taken to Hong Kong to meet the tremendous demand for new Chinese banknotes.

Used car lots in New Jersey must close on Sunday, the state Supreme Court ruled unanimously recently. The ruling reversed an earlier Superior Court decision which declared the Sunday Sales Law unconstitutional. Religious groups saw the ruling as a victory in their campaign to combat the increasing number of stores and other commercial establishments engaged in Sunday business.

Last month the Bonanza Airlines, Las Vegas, Nev., became the first commercial U.S. airline to file a passenger tariff with the Civil Aeronautics Board offering reduced rates to clergymen. Congress passed a bill last year authorizing airlines to offer lower rates to clergymen on a "space available basis." Each airline must decide for itself whether it will give clergymen this consideration.

Team Goes on the Air in Korea



Tom Watson, Jr., director of The Evangelical Alliance Mission radio station HLKX, at Inchon, Korea, cabled mission director Dr. David H. Johnson that the new station went on the air Sunday, December 23. The station begins its broadcasts with three hours of Chinese daily, three divided between Korean and English. One of its aims is to broadcast the gospel widely throughout the Far East.



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The Last Shall Be First

I would like to thank the editors and all who are responsible for the article, "The Last Word," which I believe started with the Christianity issue (August, '56). As I feel led to send M/M to the unsaved (perhaps they are not all unsaved), this last word gives them a chance to accept Christ and receive spiritual help from godly men.—Gilbert Schoonover, Rochester, Mich.

"The Last Word" was God's leading. Hardly a week goes by when we do not receive a filled-out decision blank from someone who has received Christ after reading its message.

Light in a Dark Place

In [a January] editorial you state, "World crises have the effect of turning the public mind toward the prophetic Scriptures." This reminds me that you ought to have at least one good article each month along this line. In the last issue of Christianity Today I note two such articles. Second Peter 1:19 gives one the urge, "Whereunto we do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place . . . ," and surely the world presents a dark picture. — Herbert G. Martin, Sarasota, Fla.

Let Reader Martin turn to page 26.

More on "The Three Gifts"

On behalf of our church and Sunday School I would like to say "thank you" for the fine Christmas program that you presented in your October issue. We used the program just as it was presented in the magazine and found it very satisfactory. The response on the part of our people was very gratifying. Above all we appreciated the Christ-centered theme of the program and the fact that it emphasized the purpose of our Lord's coming to this earth. Several of our people mentioned that this was the best Christmas



program they had seen in our church in the last 10 or 15 years.

Enclosed you will find a picture of our platform as it looked after the program was complete. We'll be looking for another good program next year.—Marvin Friesen, assistant pastor, First Baptist Church, Downey, Calif.

Your Christmas program [Oct.] met our need. It was a good program, everybody had part, there was artistic work for the talented, and the gospel rang out clearly in a needy place. The reprints on one side of the paper were fine, and inexpensive enough to use freely. We look

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forward eagerly to next [year's] program. _Emmet Russell, Short Beach, Conn.

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How pleased we were! We used Ellen McKay Trimmer's program last year also. Her programs are easily adapted to even a very small Sunday school like ours .- Mrs. Eugene R. Holcomb, Oakland,

During the Christmas time our Sunday school followed the program in the M/M. Two of our young people took over the leadership and while we enjoyed the efforts of their work on the Christmas program they enjoyed the magazine.— Frances Grose, Stouffville, Ont.

How much we were blessed by the Christmas play this year. Our Sunday school is at a low ebb; however, with much prayer and thoughtful discussion we went ahead. Words fail me to express our deep appreciation to you. Superintendent, teachers, and pupils had a three-fold blessing in preparing, rehearsing, and presenting [it] .- Mrs. E. Boyne, Brooklyn, N.Y.

On the Other Hand

I have read an article in the December issue of M/M entitled, "A New Adventist Position." I have been reading Signs of the Times for two years, an Advent magazine, and I don't want any better religious reading regardless of any other. There is no Standard Revised Version, no advertisements either. So if you want to know what Advents believe and the literature that they circulate just read it for a year or less.-Rollie M. Janes, Milwaukee, Wis.

M/M's Changed Format

I certainly appreciate the improved form of the January issue of M/M. It has constantly been a "pain" to have to hunt all over a magazine in order to piece together an article for filing. The new form eliminates that as well as making the magazine much more readable. Many times it happened that while I was looking up the end of an article I found another, and never finished the first. Again, thanks for the improvement!— N. K. Rediger, Pastor, Morton Bible Church, Morton, Ill.

How I do appreciate the changes you hare made. Something I had been wishing for for years.-Dena Guth, Dale, Ind.

Just a line to tell you how delighted I am with the new way of publishing Moody's excellent articles! I've always wanted a magazine that I could read straight through without flipping pages and then perhaps looking for a little paragraph hid in the middle of something else. Keep up the good work .-Frances Pratex, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Objection Sustained

In the December issue, on page 21, you state that Philip Brooks wrote the words for the carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem." His name was Phillips Brooks.-Mrs. Virginia Bitter, Collingswood, N.J.

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Spontaneous Generation

Since spiritual things are spiritually understood, it is not difficult to understand why the natural man tries to rule God off the scene. One matter does puzzle us, however. Why is it that educated men with what the world designates as respectable morality do not understand something of the results of their unbelief? The god of this age has evidently so blinded their minds that in their quest for what they think is the truth, they fail to see the whirlwind of tragedy ahead. It is impossible to maintain Biblical morality while denying the Bible—this is the simple and rugged fact that eludes these men.

We thought of this matter as we read a recent release. Scientists attending the 123rd annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science were told that "recent laboratory experiments are 'expected to show that man is a natural and orderly development of the physical universe; a development, like a mountain range or a lake, that did not require the intervention of supernatural powers.'"

While the quotation does not say there is no God, it does distinctly oppose the plain declaration of the Word of God as to the creation of man.

No wonder there are moral problems facing present day civilization. In a day that is characterized by relativity in morals and truth, that presumes to dissect the Word of God according to its pleasure, why should a man be bound by divine morality—in fact, how do you know it is divine morality? Frankly, if you are to have truth, morality and the necessary sanctions for righteous living, there is no logical halting place between godless rationalism and orthodox Christian theism.

An Opportunity

The work of translating the Word of God in whole or in part has advanced in rapid strides in a generation. Scholarly study of the methods of language reduction and translation, more scientific information to enable students to read more readily, faster means of travel, means of communication as quick as the speed of light, all have contributed under the blessing of the Lord to this great saga of modern missionary endeavor. Perspective will probably brand this advance as the greatest contribution of our age. Thank God for the men of vision who had the vision to launch out into this important and absolutely necessary field of endeavor.

As thankful as we should be and are for the progress made in Bible translation, a recent word should give us pause. It has been estimated that at the current rate of the translation of the Bible into new tongues, it will take 160 years more before all tribes have at least a portion of the Word of God in their own language!

Without for one moment minimizing the tremendous contribution already made, it is apparent that we as Bible believers have our work cut out for us. We hold, and rightly so, that it is the Word of God used by the Holy Spirit that results in the salvation of the soul. And

over 2000 tribes do not have even a portion of God's Word in their language as yet. We dare not wait 160 years!

It seems to us that churches and schools must have an increasing concern for this most important part of modern missions. But, remember, organizations are made up of individuals, and move only as the individuals are moved. Here is a personal matter that each one of us should face with the question: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

Answered Prayer

Recently our heart was stirred in hearing how God answered prayer on three mission fields. Thank God, He is answering prayer here too. But somehow the Lord spoke to us so definitely about the incidents alluded to above, that we are impelled to refer to them.

One of these reports relates that last year the Ceylon government reversed its decision to ban religious broadcasts. Prayer coupled with faithful service was used of God. Granted, the Lord has His own timing and His own plan. But who is to say that many defeats of the past might not have been turned into glorious victories—if God's people had really prayed and trustingly persevered?

Many of us have been praying about the evangelical cause in Colombia. Have we wavered? We are told that in May of 1956 the entire church in Colombia observed a day of prayer. The result? "Seven pastors were promptly released from prison, and during June and July nation-wide centennial celebrations were observed in commemoration of the beginning of gospel work in Colombia. Scheduled mass meetings were held in Barranquilla, Cali, Bogota, and other places; and everywhere men came in numbers to seek salvation."

A third word is from a mission secretary. A missionary couple was faced with overwhelming odds; no progress was discernable. They asked that the secretary find ten people to make the work in their ten stations a definite object of prayer. Revival came to seven stations. Will God not yet do more?

Disheartened Christian, here is strong encouragement to continue in prayer.

A New Low

According to an article recently called to our attention, there are two brewery companies which are marketing what they call "cereal beverage" or "New York Special Brew." Evidently the consumers in the plan of these breweries are the children of America. The idea seems to be that the children drink this brew while their parents drink full-fledged beer: thus they guarantee a new generation of booze drinkers—for the children are already "liquor conscious."

In any case, we are against the liquor business. We have seen too much of what it does, of the blight it causes, of the wrecks it makes. For many things we are thankful: among them that we do not have to face the high court of absolute justice in heaven with our hands bloody from the profits of such a nefarious business. We agree with the article called to our attention: here is "a new low in the brewery circles."

Health and the Christian

There is no doubt but that the Bible as the Word of God provides a full range of wisdom on which the Christian can draw as he attempts to live a balanced, useful life. But there is also no doubt that the resources of the Bible in many areas of practical experience are largely unused and unrealized. As a result, Christians often suffer needlessly because they have not discovered and applied Scripture principles which are vital to their daily living.

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It is precisely this fact which should make the new book by Dr. Paul E. Adolph, Health Shall Spring Forth (Moody Press, \$2.50), of special value to many believers. For it is a book which not only deals with release from mental and emotional tensions, but it is a source of the practical kind of counsel which Christians often need but seldom find. The wisdom it offers is all the more valuable because it comes from a Christian physician with years of experience on the mission field as well as in private practice.

Some idea of the need for help in eliminating unnecessary tension may be gained from the fact that, according to conservative estimates, more than half the patients who seek treatment from general practitioners in our large cities have "no demonstrable organic disease," but are "suffering from real disease symptoms on an emotional tension basis." Of these far too many are Christians who for the most part simply need to live in the

light of Bible truth they already know.

Basically, Health Shall Spring Forth is concerned with normal, healthy Christian growth. In the author's terminology this depends on the good nutrition supplied by daily Bible reading, breathing which he likens to prayer, adequate (spiritual) rest which comes when we cease from our own works (Heb. 4:10) and the exercise provided by testimony and witness.

Even where all these elements are present, Christian growth may be hindered by unhygienic environment. Such an environment results when the Christian is affected by various spiritual contaminants and then con-

tinues to live in a state of emotional stress.

Specifically, the spiritual contaminants which Dr. Adolph lists and discusses at length as hindrances to Christian growth and health are these:

1. Perfectionism attempted through the energy of the flesh

2. Fear, anxiety and worry

- 3. Bitterness, resentfulness and lack of a forgiving spirit
- 4. Doubt, or failure to believe and lay claim to God's Promises
- 5. Indecision and failure to discern God's will
- 6. Lack of rest, relaxation and recreation due to failure to regiment one's time
- 7. Jealousy and boredom through failure to rejoice in the Lord

8. Selfishness

Though Dr. Adolph has some very gracious and helpful things for the person who needs to begin the Christian life, the great value of his book, we believe, will prove to lie in its counsel for Christians. Some no doubt will

find it helpful in facing "contaminants" in their own lives. A great many others will discover the key to personal problems in the chapter on "Decisive Living" (presented in an article in this issue) and such chapters as "Avoiding Perfectionism," "The Meaning of Sickness to the Christian" and "Spiritual Growth and Maturity."

It should be added that the book was not written for entertainment or for use in diagnosing one's own ills, either real or fancied. But for the person in need of help in discovering and using his full resources in Christ for living more effectively, Dr. Adolph's work may prove invaluable.

The Backward Look

How very quickly we Christians can forget the mercies of God!

If you doubt it, think back to the last time—not very long ago—when you urgently, even desperately brought that special need before God's throne of grace. Remember how earnestly you prayed; how all else faded into nothing? You felt—and may have said—that if God would just grant this one request, other things would not matter. And God said "Yes!"

What happened then? Quickly, so quickly, the situation that had been a mountain became a hill and the hill melted quite away. In its place, however, a new problem loomed, so large and important that other things seemed of no consequence. And soon you were thinking, "If God would only deal with that situation, nothing else would matter . . ."

We see ourselves so plainly as we read how the Israelites in the wilderness again and again forgot God's provision of a few days or weeks or months before. And in spite of the greater measure of grace which is ours, we too tend to forget the past as we face a new "emer-

gency.'

There is a place, then, for the backward look. In thinking of ourselves and our failures, we do well, of course, to forget "those things which are behind." But in thinking of God's dealings with us, a backward look from time to time should help our faith. As we think again of God's favor through the years, our hearts will say with the psalmist (Ps. 25:10), "All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies!"

I would rather die now than to live a life of oblivious ease in so sick a world as this.

-From the diary of Nate Saint

Next Month with Major Departments

PREDICTIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

Surprisingly, though there are many references in Scripture to our Lord's predictions of His coming death and resurrection, this is a field which has been largely overlooked by pastors and writers. Next month Dr. Wilbur M. Smith offers a comprehensive outline of such passages for study and reference.

DANGERS IN BIBLE STUDY

Yes, there are dangers, even in Bible study! Wally Howard lists a few in his article next month, DANGERS IN BIBLE STUDY. You'll find it in YOUTH SUP-PLEMENT along with other outstanding features especially for young people, but (judging from what you've written to us) good for older folk, too!

HELP IN TEACHING CHILDREN

Looking for help in teaching children? IDEA NOTEBOOK will bring you three valuable articles on this important subject, TEACHING CHILDREN TO PRAY, TEACHING ABSTRACTS. Also coming next month: more help in planning this year's VBS.

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Christians, Luxury and Sacrifice

By Walter Schlichting

business men were highly amused to see a young farmer pulling a plow guided by his father. Upon recounting the story to a missionary they learned that this father and son were Christians who had sold their only ox and contributed the money to their church for a new building.

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Responded one of the men in an awed voice, "What a stupendous sacrifice!"

The missionary replied evenly, "They did not feel that way about it at all. They counted it a great joy that they had an ox to give to the Lord's work."

Some months ago another missionary, returning to the States for his second furlough, was asked if he had noted any significant change in Christians at home since his first furlough.

He answered, "Yes—an increasing spiritual coldness."

Then upon further questioning he replied: "Maybe I'm prejudiced, having lived so long in a simple environment, but I think that Christians at home have become engrossed in getting things and gadgets and what I call 'luxuries.' They must have a car or cars, a TV set or two, their own home, and lots of good clothes—and if they don't have them already they are working like everything to get them. In the scramble they have lost touch with God."

Meanwhile, what is the case with many a worthy Christian enterprise? The story is all too frequent—they are battling constantly with the problem of insufficient finances. Many a missionary is unable to move triumphantly through the "open door" set before him simply because he does not possess the means.

→ The question is naturally raised: what are "luxuries"? Is it wrong for Christians to enjoy them? Consider the basic concept of Christian discipleship as given by our Lord in Luke 9:23 and 24: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake the same shall find it."

These words of the Master go far beyond any question of luxuries. The first question we must ask ourselves is: Have I met the first and basic requirement laid upon all true disciples—the willingness to sacrifice all for Him?

Certainly the self-denial demanded by Christ does not mean that we must give up all the pleasures and conveniences our economy affords. But it does mean that we must be willing to give them up if He should call on us to do so.

After all, a Christian has nothing that he can truly call his own. "There is no portion of our time that is our time, and the rest God's; there is no portion of our money that is our money, and the rest God's money. It is all His; He made it all, gives it all, and He has simply entrusted it to us for His service" (Monod).

+ Christ gave the supreme example of sacrifice. "Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor" (I Cor. 8:9).

How do we give? Does His giving increase our own willingness to sacrifice? Or does selfish indulgence so impoverish us that our vision for the evangelization of the world is lost?

All missionary endeavor, at home and to sacrifice so that the good news of salabroad, is conceived in sacrificing flearts. vation is carried to the ends of the earth.

Without sacrifice Christians are only playing at missions. And "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21).

Christ not only gave us the supreme example of sacrifice; He also honored the same spirit of self-denial in others.

No greater honor was ever bestowed on mortal being than on Mary of Bethany when she brought to her Lord her monumental love-gift of precious ointment (Mark 14:3-9).

Christ also honored the sacrifice of the unknown one who is called a "widow." She too brought her sacrifice—just two mites—and dropped them into the temple treasury. Jesus said that she gave everything. In our present day terminology we might say that she gave till it "hurt."

But did she? No—she gave past hurting. She gave until she knew the joy of those who walk the path of personal obedience even though it means great personal sacrifice.

Said one who brought the supreme sacrifice: "If God would grant us the vision, the word 'sacrifice' would disappear from our lips and thoughts. We would hate the things that now seem dear to us. Our lives would suddenly be too short. We would despise time-robbing distractions, and charge the enemy with all our energy in the Name of Christ" (Nathaniel Saint).

If Christians are to do their utmost for their wonderful Lord, they will waste no time on the question of what are permissible luxuries. Rather, they will be looking eagerly for every opportunity to sacrifice so that the good news of salvation is carried to the ends of the earth.

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Ten Rules for Handing Out a Tract

- 1. Follow the Lord's leading.
- 2. Don't worry about results.
- 3. Never look back.
- 4. Refuse to let Satan worry you.
- 5. Fit the tract to the person.
- 6. Don't be afraid of your friends.
- 7. Smile!
- 8. Keep tracts fresh and uncrumpled.

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- 9. Never excuse yourself for a single day.
- 10. Keep your sense of humor.

A Tract a Day

By Martha M. Evans

Here's a plan for
an effective tract ministry
well within the reach
of every Christian

Soon after I came to live in New York
City the Lord began to speak to me
about handing out tracts regularly.
And I must admit the idea wasn't

And I must admit the idea wasn't appealing. Like everyone else, I rubbed elbows daily with the butcher, the baker, the elevator operator, the ten-cent store saleslady, and I thought I did tract work. But like many Christians, I actually gave away very few because I did not work at it systematically.

As I faced the question, it seemed the Lord's directions for me were simple but explicit. I was to hand a tract to some one person each day. I must not merely mail it or leave it in a likely place. I must hand it to an individual.

In the one-at-a-time days since I began to obey this leading, I have found that I can trust the Holy Spirit concerning the person chosen and I have learned a good many things about people and tracts. Some of them may spur you along the road toward a personal tract ministry.

1. Make sure of the Lord's leading; then follow it to the letter. Having made certain that handing tracts is for you, pray each day for the Lord to lead you to the right person—the one whose heart is open and prepared. Generally I have found it best to hand the tract at the first opportunity the day offers; procrastination never makes a job easier. Sometimes, however, while at prayer a place

I plan to go to that day or some person I plan to see will come to mind, with the Spirit's impression that this place or person will afford the opportunity for that day.

2. Don't worry about results. That is the Lord's part. In tract work, it will generally be your job to sow the seed; someone else will reap.

3. Never look back. If the person looks up and sees you watching him read, he will be embarrassed; if he throws the tract away, you will be hurt.

4. Do what the Lord tells you to do and refuse to let Satan worry you because you haven't done more. I feel that my part is one a day. Only rarely have I found opportunity to give more, and at times the adversary has come to accuse me. But having made certain of my appointment at the outset, my answer for Satan is ready: "I have obeyed the Lord!"

5. Fit the tract, and what you say when you hand it, to the individual if possible. Be observant as well as prayerful. Total strangers may give away their interests by what they are reading or how they are dressed. And, when the time comes for presenting the tract, don't just poke it at the person, but pave the way with some pleasant remark.

"Would you like something to read in your spare time?" you may ask. In other circumstances, you may offer a tract to be read while the person rides, stands in line or waits between customers. To a busy person, you may say, "Don't try to read this now, but put it in your pocket to read later." Or, to a person with whom you've been talking it may be convenient to say, "Have you ever seen this before?" offering the tract as you speak. Almost always the person will thank you and take the tract.

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Occasionally showing the back of the tract may be better than showing the title. I once handed a tract back page up to a friend, inquiring whether he was familiar with the work of the publisher. He was not, although a great church man. But he read the tract because he telephoned later to point out a typographical error!

Sometimes you will misjudge the person. I once offered Billy Graham's tract, "Are You Bored with Life?" to the most dismal looking train conductor I had seen in years. He looked for a moment at the slip of paper I proffered, then shrugged. "Me? Bored? Me, I like my life." He signaled and away they went leaving me on the platform, tract in hand. But on another occasion that same tract offered to a saleswoman brought the response, "Yes, I'm bored." As I gathered up my change she began to read, notwithstanding the line of waiting customers.

6. Don't be afraid of your unsympathetic friends. When I began tract work.



Somewhere in your daily contacts is someone whose heart is ready to receive the Word.

I said to myself, "What a blessing to live it, all your friends will soon know of in the world's largest city; none of my friends will ever catch me at this." A better philosophy, I have found, is to who makes fun of tracts, I handed the remember that my obedience is to the butcher a leaflet while her back was Lord and that I must keep my eyes on Him. Make sure of this: if you keep at

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In the grocery one day with a friend turned. A few moments later as we stood together, the butcher wiped his hand on

Love Tokens

RUTH MARGARET GIBBS

I like to keep some precious token Of those who walked beside my Lord-Some gift of love like Mary's, broken. Some fragrance willingly outpoured:

> The words that Peter spoke, still ringing That truth: "Thou art the Christ, the Son," And footprints of a leper bringing His thanks for cleansing, freely done;

The light of new-born faith that glistene Within the eyes of him once blind; A lad's obedience-he listened, And by his gift the thousands dined;

> The widow's mite that Jesus measured, The tax Zaccheus once repaid-Memorials of love, well treasured In letters that will never fade.

> > Dear Lord, forgive my selfish choosing, The little I have given Thee-And may some token for Thy using. By Thy grace, be found in me.

his apron and strolled over to us. "Thanks again for that piece you gave me," he said cheerily, producing my tract, now covered with bloodstains. "I read it and it's real good."

Reading this in your own living room, handing a tract a day sounds easy. In cold daylight, under the heartless stare of some unsympathetic traveling companion, the battle takes on substance. Only the Lord can deliver us from a man-fearing spirit; let Him do it for you.

7. SMILE when you hand a tract. People will almost always respond.

8. Keep tracts fresh and uncrumpled. Nobody appreciates being presented with some old thing you've been carrying around for months. I usually keep a packet containing one copy only of several different tracts in each purse I own. (No chance of forgetting them that way.) Attractive, well-designed tracts are not expensive. Usually they may be obtained in quantities of 50 or 100 for one cent each or less so if necessary rumpled ones can be discarded.

Plan to keep on hand tracts suitable for all faiths and for special seasons-Easter, Christmas, and religious holidays of other faiths.

Don't buy too many tracts of the same title at once. For some unaccountable reason even the best tracts grow "stale." Change at least part of your tract titles at each purchase to prevent this. Be sure to read a tract through before buying copies. If you are not sold on it yourself, you can't put that tract across.

9. Don't excuse yourself from handing a tract today because you think you won't see anybody. Giving away tracts takes effort. This lesson has become a blessing inside out for me. As a housewife, I used to spend days on end indoors. This way I have to make an errand outside. I've bought bread, it seems to me, in every grocery within a radius of a quarter of a mile of my home.

10. Keep your sense of humor well oiled. Plan to be embarrassed or misunderstood sometimes. I once handed a tract to a clerk at the postoffice. To my stupefaction, he began to read it at the top of his lungs for the whole office to hear, together with his own comments: "'Are you discouraged?' Yeah, that's me . . . 'Are you lonely?' Nobody could be worse off . . . 'Are you brokenhearted?' " Peals of laughter.

For some reason I found myself laughing with them. Later, when I considered the matter, it still seemed to be the appropriate tract-and come to think of it, he did read it, even with the laughter.

Best of all is the knowledge that you have done the thing the Lord wanted you to do, thus proving your love. He knows what soul is ready; He knows when a smiling face hides a broken heart. Leave it to Him to put your tract message where it is needed most.

March, 1957

A month of patient and loving care earns a mother a kiss from her newest son. Chicago Tribune photos by Cy Wolf.

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Food and clothing, parents' care—
all go toward making a home and family,
but greater than any of these is love.



First days were "off" and "on" days—clothes torn off in temper, and firmly put on again.

Swede Roskam headed for his suburban home in Hinsdale. Beside him, his wife Martha looked down at the forlorn, limp form sprawled on her lap. "Poor small boy," she said fondly. "Our little Dickie, all tired out from his long trip from Korea and from that awful tantrum."

"Wait till he gets some lunch in his stomach—he'll feel better," Swede reassured her. Then speaking to his threeyear-old son sitting between them, he added, "Won't he, Stevie?"

EAVING the Chicago airport behind,

Stevie nodded.

"And a bath and nap for both boys—" planned Martha.

The Verlyn Roskams (he is better known to his friends as Swede) little knew the problems they were to face as they took home their new son—adopted by proxy in Korea. Just around the corner were problems of adjustment, training and discipline which their three short years of parenthood had hardly prepared them. Problems emphasized by the "tantrum" at the airport—the little

fellow's instinctive reaction to bewilderment, strangers, a foreign language . . . fear.

Yet, their decision to adopt one of the thousands of unwanted mixed-blood babies left behind by American soldiers and rejected by the Korean people had come only after careful deliberation and much prayer. They felt sure God had directed them this far, and that now He would continue to guide and give them wisdom.

+ Ar home, Stevie, actually not many months older than Dickie's thirty-two, assumed the role of elder brother. Entering the house through the garage, he enthusiastically pointed out Dickie's new bike-one like his own, and gift of a friend. But at this point Dickie was not impressed. Apathetically, he followed Stevie into the house, his toddling gait almost infantile in contrast to Stevie's sturdy hop and skip. But at sight of the toybox in Stevie's bedroom, Dickie suddenly came alive. Squatting down, he gathered small toys into his arms, his face aglow as he giggled and chattered happily in Korean.

Luncheon passed without incident, Dickie watching the others and eating only a little. He even submitted quietly as Swede gave him a crew cut like his own and Stevie's. Then it was bath and nap time. Right away Stevie started getting ready. But as Swede began to remove Dickie's clothes, the Korean boy rebelled. As at the airport, Swede again had two armsful of propelling fists, kicking heels and screaming boy.

It was Martha who took over.

"Go ahead and take your bath," she admonished Stevie, then turned to help Swede firmly but quietly undress the terrified child. All the while she talked soothingly, and washed him, as Swede held him tightly in his arms.

"We'll have to fatten up these arms



Patiently he was taught to speak a new language. Stevie began to feel left out.

Watching the other boys, Dickie tried out his bike, uncertain at first, gaining skill.



Eland His Family

By Violet Trato Pearson

and legs, Dickie-boy," she said soothingly as she soaped him. "Actually, Swede, look --they're almost like rails, and his tummy is all bloated."

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"Look at that tartar! This child has never had his teeth brushed!"

Dressed in new pajamas, Dickie was carried into the bedroom the boys were to share. Stevie ran on ahead and jumped into his twin bed. He had waited a long time for this new brother to occupy the other. Expectantly he watched as Dickie was laid down. But evidently bed was another of Dickie's terrifying new experiences. Struggling and kicking lake a little tiger, he fought until he slid off onto the floor with cries of "Ah-ni-yo!"—an unmistakable "No!" whatever the language.

They took turns rocking him, first Martha, then Swede. In their arms he slept fitfully, hands clenched, not quite relaxing. Whenever they tried to lay him down, immediately he was wide awake. At last Martha gave up.

"Let's let him stay up, then. Maybe he will sleep better tonight," she said. Free, Dickie made for the toybox and happily chattered to himself as he played with small cars, trains and boats.

That evening Dickie neatly cleaned up everything on his plate and went outside with Stevie and Sarah Jayne, youngest member of the family. He wandered around by himself for a while, watching the others play. Seeing Stevie and other boys on their bikes, Dickie at last got courage to try his. He practiced a long time on it, getting on and off, pushing and pulling it.

All went well until Martha called the children in. It was time to go to bed. Swede, a salesman, had had to be away for the evening and as Martha faced the prospect of putting Dickie to bed she felt something akin to panic. Carefully she made a show of Stevie and Sarah Jayne getting into their pajamas while Dickie watched. But when she began to untie Dickie's shoes, she knew she was in again for another battle royal. Patiently but firmly she proceeded to undress him. Repeatedly he tore off his pajamas, fought and spit, and finally fell to the floor screaming.

Hands on hips, Martha stared at him. "What—shall—I do—with this howling piece of humanity?" she wondered.

A second article highlighting the true story of a Korean orphan and the Christian home which has become his own

In the confusion, Stevie began to cry, then Sarah Jayne. Then her decision was made.

"I guess the only way to get control of you, Dickie, is to isolate you." She picked him up and put him in Swede's and her bedroom, closed the door and put the other children to bed. Fifteen minutes later she found him curled up on a rug, fast asleep. It was several nights before the little boy from Korea would sleep anywhere but on the floor.

→ JONATHAN Richard Roskam had arrived in his new home on Friday. Sunday he experienced his first visit to the nursery department of Sunday school. Already in less than forty-eight hours, Dickie had come a long way toward adjusting to a new way of life. Saturday



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had been an "off and on" day. Whenever Dickie became confused or rebelled, off would come his clothes, and as persistently, Martha or Swede would put them back on. Many times throughout the day he fell to the floor howling, but at mealtime he ate everything given him neatly and well. At bedtime Saturday night Swede had proceeded to bathe Steve and Sarah Jayne as Dickie came along and watched. In a few minutes Dickie was taking off his clothes and wanting to get in too!

Sunday morning Dickie seemed pleased with his nice dressier clothes, and proudly showed them off when he was dressed. But before everyone was ready to leave, something upset the boy and off came his trousers. Swede left him alone for a few minutes, then patiently put them back on, and finally got him to the car without further trouble.

In Sunday school, Stevie took part in the usual activities. The wise teacher left Dickie to wander about and look at things by himself and play with some toys. Not until it was time to put the toys away and go home did the trouble start, ending in the usual howling tantrum.

But the hour was not a total loss. While he was playing, Dickie's observing eyes had been busy. The following Sunday, right away he knew what to do. Entering the nursery room, he marched straight to the offering container, put in his money and beamingly dusted off his hands, very much pleased with himself. But he wasn't half as pleased as his new Mom and Dad.

Dickie had learned much in that week.
On Monday Martha's diary carried strong notes of Dickie's progress.

"Dickie played with the children this morning, ate a good lunch, brushed his own teeth and kissed me for the first time," she wrote. "After lunch he played in the garage alone while Stevie had a nap. Today he said 'dog,' 'car,' 'baby,' 'ball' and 'birdie.' He was quite interested in a dictionary picture book. At supper he folded his hands for prayer . . . He is sweet with Sarah Jayne. She gave him a hug and he kissed her.

"As I was reading to Stevie in bed, Dickie came into the room, pulled down the covers and climbed into his bed! Swede read the Golden Dictionary Book to him, and Dickie laughed and pulled Swede down to him and kissed him five or six times.

"I finished reading to Stevie, then we switched children. I laid down with Dickie and Swede laid down with Stevie. Soon Dickie rolled over and put his little arms around my neck and went to sleep."

Love, Martha began to realize, was probably Dickie's greatest need. She soon discovered that she could control many difficult situations by picking him up and loving him. He would never be quite



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satisfied with one hug or kiss, but always seemed to crave more.

He continued to have tantrums, but they were less frequent. Watching other children, he soon became willing to do as they did when he was told. He seemed very pleased with the new words he was adding to his vocabulary every day. He laughed and seemed to understand when a ball was given him as a gift and hugged it to himself. But his first love was small cars and trucks, and as he received some as his own, his sense of ownership and his own rights were quick to develop.

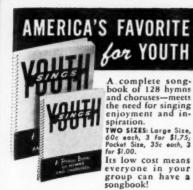
Before long a new problem had appeared. With all the attention Dickie was getting with his tantrums, and the need for careful training and help for him from Martha and Swede, Stevie was beginning to show signs of feeling left out. Martha and Swede began to give Stevie duties as the "big boy," and Swede sometimes made occasions to take Stevie places with him alone. They were careful to allow Stevie special privileges for which Dickie was not ready.

Nevertheless, there were times when both Stevie and Sarah Jayne would try out the attention-getting tantrums, and in other ways indications of Stevie's jealousy increased. In the second week after Dickie's arrival, Martha's diary began to be sprinkled with notations of Stevie's problem.

"After lunch Dickie and Stevie fought over blocks and small cars, so I separated them. They both played well by themselves . . . Stevie teased Dickie a little bit . . . Dickie howled, but wouldn't fight back. Stevie was after Dickie most of the morning. Once Dickie hit Sarah Jayne several times so Stevie got after him, but Dickie still would not fight back as far as Stevie was concerned . . "

Then a few days later, "Dickie was delighted to see Swede when he came home tonight. He called him 'Daddy,' and then giggled. After supper we all went out to the play yard. As usual, Dickie played alone. When we were back in the house he sang in Korean. Today, when he and Steve were fighting, Dickie fought and

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By the end of August, Swede entered a summary report in Martha's diary.

"I have never seen a child enjoy a bath like Dickie does," he wrote. "Once he hears the water running he is offclothes strung along the rooms that he passes through and he is ready right now! He rarely starts to eat now until we pray. He closes his hands and bows his head slightly, but still likes to look

"Tonight the boys were tussling a littie over some toys. All of a sudden, out of a clear sky Steve walked over and gave Dick one of his red fire trucks. You can imagine how I praised him for this! This reaction then became like a chain. Dick picked up a toy and gave it to Steve, and of course I immediately praised Dick for this, and then gave them both a kiss. This brought a complete exchange of toys, and finally they each ended up playing with the other's toys.

"Dick is learning our language exceptionally fast. Tonight I told him to sit down on the couch which he did without any motioning on my part. He craves affection, however - especially from Martha and me. We do give him great deal of attention, but we have to be careful. I have found that [with the three children) it has to be about a fifty-fifty-fifty proposition for us!"

Today Martha and Swede realize it has been far from easy for three-year-old Stevie. But they are encouraged. Not long ago when a child hit Dickie, Stevie moved quickly in his defense. "Stop!" his pleased parents heard him shout with great indignation. "Stop hitting my little brother!"

Swede was also well satisfied with Dickie's physical improvement in the month's time.

"Dickie has gained weight and already

seems to be filling out," he wrote. "When he arrived, his body, especially his back, was covered with little white pimples. These are all gone now. His complexion is a beautiful, slightly cream color, and I'm sure he'll develop into a good-looking fellow some day.

"He seems to be relaxing more, although he still is afraid in the dark and often cries out in terror in the night. We have a long way to go yet, but the progress he is showing is remarkable."

+ Ar this writing Dickie has been with the Roskams almost a half year, long enough for them to appraise the step they have taken. This stranger brought into their family circle for a lifetime relationship presents not only the question marks of the ordinary youngster, but problems of race and parentage. But they are not dismayed.

"We'd do it again tomorrow." Swede says with emotion, and Martha nods her agreement. "That little fellow has gotten into our hearts-why, Dickie is our son!"

The day is not far away, however, when Dickie will be going off to school and beginning life with other boys and girls in his adopted country. Martha and Swede are confident that as he gets older he will be accepted by society on his own abilities and merits. They plan to give him every advantage they are able to provide for their natural children, and train him to take his place among young people of American birth.

Nevertheless, they want him to keep in fellowship with other part-Korean children. To date there are more than one hundred fortunate ones who, like Dickie, have been given a new start in Christian homes. The Roskams feel the children in the days to come will find particular enjoyment in each other's friendship. In touch with the Harry Holts, of Creswell, Ore., who in co-operation with World Vision, Inc., are carrying on a growing program of placing "GI babies," Swede hopes to work out some plan of keeping in regular touch with other adoptive parents for mutual help.

Meanwhile, hardly anyone thinks of Dickie these days as anything other than just a member of the family. And that is a good thing for anyone to be. END

Considerable additional information about the adoption of Korean-GI children is available in the new book, "The Seed from the East," just received at presstime. Written by Mrs. Harry Holt, wife of an Oregon farmer, the book relates her husband's experiences as he went to Korea in the summer of 1955 to gather up eight unwanted GI orphans for adoption, and the family's adjustment to the situation. The book is available at \$3.50 from Harry Holt, Creswell,



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To one who has believed the gospel



AUL wrote his first letter to the church at Corinth for one reason—his deep concern over the worldliness that had crept into the church and was slowly destroying its testimony.

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Obviously the apostle was not dealing with worldliness in the forms we are apt to think of today, but as a principle of living. So he addressed his letter not only "to the church at Corinth," but to "all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ" (1:2).

Forms and customs change as the world changes, but the temptation to follow the world's way is always with us. There is hardly a group of Christians anywhere today whose life and testimony are not adversely affected, at least to some degree, by yielding to that principle.

The remedy, however, lies here before us. Temptations to worldliness will be neutralized and the problems arising out of them will be solved by simple submission to the instructions found in I Corinthians.

Surely of all that has been written on this subject this letter is the most searching, the most thorough and the most effective. So great is the difference between the arguments and persuasions

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* Note what Paul has to say at the very outset. "Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God" (v. 1). In the matter of worldliness here is the beginning place—to view our present position in the light of the will of God.

We may have our own ideas about what is specifically right and wrong, about what we should specifically do or not do. But if the fundamental desire of our hearts is right toward God, He will direct us unerringly into His will. We may kick against it, our minds may rebel, we may not see the way and we may complain vociferously, but through circumstances, teaching, revelation, pain or direct interference—whatever method He sees is best—He will bring us into the channel of His will if that is what we really want.

Christian people do not have to be anxious, therefore, about whether they are in the place of God's appointment. They need only to be concerned about the dreadful tendency of these deceitful hearts to want their own way, and desire His will in spite of it.

Saul became Paul and Paul became what he was because, though wrong in his own thinking and ways, he wanted in his heart of hearts to do the will of God. That means there is hope for me.

→ PAUL goes on: "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth . . . " (v. 2). And here we come to the nub of the whole situation.

In the record of history, Corinth was one of the outstanding cities of its day. It was the center of intellectual life, wealth and luxury, and the epitome of all that men think of as worth while and successful and great. It mattered little to the Corinthians themselves that the city was also renowned for its vice and lust.

All great cities everywhere, in all time, have had their share of corruption. But very often those communities which shine the brightest have the deepest shadows. And so it was at Corinth. The city was dedicated to the worship of Aphrodite to such an extent that in the common language of the day "Corinthian" was practically synonomous with profligacy.

But within this dissolute city existed another community—the church of God.

Saul became Paul and Paul became It had its beginnings when Paul came to hat he was because though wrong in Corinth (Acts 18:1-7).

Finding another Jew who was also in the business of tentmaking Paul had joined him, and with this man's house as a starting place he had spoken everywhere of Jesus Christ, reasoning in the synagogue, talking to customers, and persuading both Jews and Greeks. By the end of about eighteen months a substantial group of Christian believers had been gathered together who, having renounced all that the city stood for, were formed into a distinct body which Paul called "the church of God . . . at Corinth."

From the self-centered life which characterized the city and which heretofore had engrossed them they now turned to a God-centered existence. No longer circumscribed by limitations that make human life only a weary filling up of time, they shared the life of God; eternity had entered into their hearts. And so they were distinct, set apart from their former way of life, and in proportion as they gave themselves over to this new life they would remain distinct.

But alas, as is so often true today, the influence of the city and its way of living constantly bore in upon these Corin-

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thian believers, and they were tempted to succumb to the pressures. It was their reluctance to resist that so greatly concerned the apostle.

There was, moreover, much work to be done in the city. This group of God's people constituted the bag of seed that was to be sown within that field to bring a harvest for God. Theirs was a grave responsibility to demonstrate and propagate the life of God—it had been given them as a stewardship—and it was in the heart of the apostle to bring these Corinthians to its realization.

→ The apostle turned to his task with confidence, as we can see in verse 4 of this first chapter. "I thank my God always on your behalf for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ," he declares.

Some people always see the dark side of everything and react accordingly. The least bit of trouble makes them throw up their hands in despair. And in the matter of Christian experience at the smallest deviation on the part of others from what is held to be normal they are ready to question whether there has been a Christian experience at all.

But not this man. In the face of the gravest difficulties, creeping worldliness, gross immorality, selfish division and petty strife, he could still say by the Spirit of God, "... in everything ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (vy. 5-8).

They had drifted far from the base on which they had been established, yes—but still they were "enriched by God," the "testimony of Christ was confirmed" in them, and they "came behind in no gift, waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

How could the apostle Paul—who never let appearances blind him to reality, and who knew these people well—be so confident, so sure that they had not sinned past forgiving? Because of the conviction within his soul of the truth of the next three words: "God is faithful."

Paul had found Him so. He knew what it was to stumble and fall and to have God take him in hand and put him straight. And he did not doubt for one moment that God was prepared to do for each of His own what He had done for him.

+ Having assured the Corinthian Christians of his love and confidence, and particularly of God's faithfulness, Paul makes known his hope that they will all pull together, "perfectly joined," "in the

same mind and in the same judgment" (v. 10). Then, having given them a picture of the unity that should characterize them, he tells them of his concern because reports had come to him of "contentions" that were dividing them.

At base, these divisions in the church at Corinth were laid to two things, both of them characteristic of the world and the city in which they lived. The first was a tendency to exalt human wisdom over the truth of God; the second was an inclination to hold moral standards lightly.

In the first error, rhetoric and the argument become more important than the truth itself, and men become holder of opinions rather than being held by the truth.

In the second error the distinction between the church and the world gradually becomes erased, and the church loses its power to meet the city's need.

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As a result this freedom of thought and irresponsibility for one another nurtured the formation of cliques and parties, with all the criticism, bitterness, jealousy and other social ills that go hand in hand with them.

The tragic part of it was that this lack of difference between the church and the city was not because the church had invaded the city and made it Christian, but exactly the reverse. No wonder the apostle's heart was so sore! One was saying, "I am of Paul," another, "I am of Cephas," and another, "I am of Apollos" (v. 12). Each followed the man whose particular style happened to appeal to him.

These Corinthian Christians needed reminding—and Paul undertook to do it—that though God had privileged them to hear the gospel from men of different backgrounds and experiences, and consequently from different points of view it was the same gospel. And it was a gospel that included a cross, which they were also forgetting.

→ PAUL does not dwell long upon the symptoms of their spiritual condition, for these only revealed a deeper trouble. Having mentioned them so that the saints would know the point of what he is saying, he goes on to the root of the matter.

"Christ sent me . . . to preach the gospel," he said. To the natural mind that was foolish enough. But there was more. That gospel involved a cross, and this to the natural mind (which the world so much admires) was sheer folly. For "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (2:14).

Regeneration involves a renewing of the mind. Old standards no longer apply. It is no more a question of whether the

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truth appeals to my reason. It has become a matter of how much the truth shall be given room to operate in my life. Submission to its power destroys the tendencies which divide the saints, and so it draws them together.

Christ had sent Paul to preach this gospel. And they, with their Grecian love of organization and logic were already attempting to reduce it to a human system, after the manner of their philosophers. They wanted their truth in precise little packages which they could stand off and look at and admire.

But Paul—who was better able than any of them to organize Christian doctrine—could never for one moment forsake its basic premises. He chose to announce the gospel simply as good and joyful news to dying men. He preached a Person. "For by this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins" (Acts 13:38).

The gospel he preached did what no philosophy could do. It changed men. The Corinthian Christians would never be the same again, and he wanted them to appreciate this fact. For the more they were impressed by that which made them distinct from the world the more likely they would be to value it.

→ And so Paul directs the minds of the Corinthians—as well as ours—to a proper apprehension of the gospel as the Word of Life to dying men, the good news of complete and free salvation. There is no place at the cross for a sectarian spirit, no place for lightness toward sin, no place for selfish withdrawal from a needy world. Here at the cross every human pretense falls, every shabby sin is judged, and every resistance to sacrifice collapses.

Here also is discovered the great distinction between the church and the world. By the cross the world expressed its hatred of all the things our Lord maintained. It stands forever as the symbol of the cry, "We will not have this man" (Luke 19:14). Christ said, "The servant is not greater than his Lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you" (John 15:20). Paul's argument is that the cross signifies the outside place, the place of rejection, and it was to this place of rejection that the saints in Corinth had been called.

How utterly inconsistent, therefore, for them to seek the approbation of the city! They were to accept as an accomplished fact their rejection and total undesirability from the standpoint of the city and the world.

→ Moreover the cross represents the ultimate in sacrifice. Later, in his letter to the Philippians (2:5-8) the apostle would urge the importance of Christian conformity to the spirit that led Christ to Calvary. "Let this mind be in you..." Whenever the principle of the cross motivates the Christian it destroys the urge to be accepted. Of necessity it turns the mind away from self and leads to an abandonment of any concern for the favor of men.

Rejected by the city, that one who has come to the cross finds it in his heart to co-operate in that rejection, so that the life of God may be seen in love, joy, peace, gentleness, meekness and self-control.

So Paul reminds them—and us—of the cross. In effect he says: "You are saints; be saints. You have put off the old man; leave him off. You have put on the new man; be new men. Realize the life that is in you. Be true to the cross by which you have become a redeemed people, and let the Word of God dwell in you richly."

Only in the measure in which the church is free from the influence of the age can she achieve real effectiveness in the work of God in the world. As she makes use of this freedom a new realization will come of the power available to her in the will of God. In the appropriation of this power, the church is enabled to meet the city's need—and the negd of the world.



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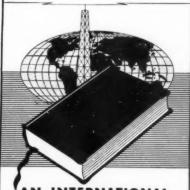
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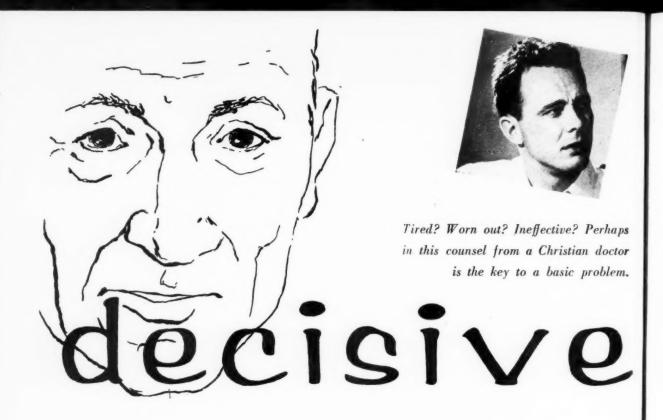
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In spite of their resources in Christ. Christians are all too frequently included among the anxious, the tense, the tired and the emotionally upset who eventually find their way to a doctor's office. In a new and in many ways unique book, Health Shall Spring Forth, (Moody Press, \$2.50), Dr. Paul E. Adolph, Christian physician and former medical missionary in China, gives the kind of practical counsel urgently needed by many today. The article on these pages discusses one very important aspect of health and the Christian life as presented in a single chapter of Dr. Adolph's book. It is used by permission of the publisher.

In the rapid living of our modern age, many people today are being caught up in a whirlpool of activities from which they cannot extricate themselves.

But feverish activity is not necessarily a measure of accomplishment. In many instances it may indicate that little work is actually being done by a tired, unthinking individual who is living an unplanned existence.

Christians sometimes try to justify themselves in this sort of thing by pointing out the great number of needy folk they are helping. Yet, Christianity puts more emphasis on quality than on quantity.

The same people may quote Ephesians 5:16 to justify their way of living: "Re-

deeming the time, because the days are evil." Actually they have taken this verse of Scripture from its context, for the next verse reads: "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17). The implication of these words is clear: redeeming the time is accomplished only by clearly discerning the will of the Lord as to the content, the placement and the timing of our service for Him.

The original Greek text for "redeeming the time" presents the imagery of "buying up the opportunity in the market place." Actually entailed in this purchasing operation is not the random attempt to acquire everything in view but a careful selection and acquisition of what is most appropriate.

→ Compare the situation with that of ten-year-old Johnny at the five-and-ten-cent store. The boy is attracted by the glitter of everything he sees, and his first reaction is to buy everything in the store and take it home. But his dad realizes full well the folly of that even if it were financially feasible. For Johnny would only become bewildered and irritated in the extreme as he faced so many toys.

Accordingly, Dad helps Johnny find the one toy that most suits his temperament and arranges for its purchase. The result is a delighted boy with a toy he will enjoy for a long time. Likewise, many a Christian, faced with opportunities for service, wants to do everything that presents itself, and we see sometimes such individuals carrying on such a multiplicity of tasks that they are bewildered.

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Meanwhile their lives become more and more superficial and artificial, if not actually a sham of what they profess to be. And yet their bodies are the ones which the Holy Spirit truly wants to make His temple, dwelling in them with all His fulness.

These misguided people often grasp aimlessly at every request that comes to them, and every activity suggested to them, until in the constant whirl of excitement their bodies become weary and emotional tensions are built up.

Such excitement may express itself in dizziness, which has no organic basis but is simply the result of emotional tensions bombarding the brain.

♦ What a contrast is the Christian service we read about in the Bible! Our Lord Jesus, when He saw that His disciples had become so busied by many coming and going, so that "they had no leisure even so much as to eat," commanded them: "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31).

Again, we find the Holy Spirit withdrawing Philip from a very active ministry in Samaria, a ministry which had

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The only valid conclusion to be drawn from these accounts is this: our accomplishments are not based on statistics we accumulate as evidence of our Christian service: they are based wholly and solely on our doing the Lord's will. Only with this approach can we avoid the emotional tensions that are built up through feverish indecision and inconsequential activity.

Indecision can be especially harmful. Satisfaction is found in making a clearcut decision-after prayerful consideration of the issues involved and seeking the Lord's will-and then firmly acting upon it.

In our experience, the sight of those who have lost out by feverishly attempting to do everything, instead of responding to a clear call from God, has been most pathetic. They come to us as medical patients with definite symptoms of emotional tension. By forthright decision in the will of God these tensions are resolved.

Often these individuals give as their underlying reason that they see so much to be done and no one to do it. But even on the basis of logic they are wrong. For those who accomplish most in such circumstances do not try to do everything they see needs to be done.

been very fruitful, in order that he + Consider those who administer relief in famine areas in underprivileged lands. Surrounded by starving millions they do not divide their limited supplies of bread among them all. That would only insure death for all. What is actually done is to select-usually at random -a certain number of thousands for whom there is enough bread to insure preservation of life. These are given cards and fed day by day throughout the period of the famine. In this fashion thousands of lives are saved.

> Or consider the physician. In passing through his period of internship he may go about in a sleepless daze, responding to calls of patients day and night. But once he has passed this period he realizes the responsibility of being alert to give proper medical care to those in need. This responsibility is so great that he does not, necessarily, respond to every call. In these days of good telephone service he arranges for some of the calls to go to others who can give just as good medical care. Meanwhile he is able to keep himself in condition to really help those to whom he ministers.

In his Parables of the Christ-life, Lillias Trotter expressed it this way:

Look at the exquisite fitting in any seed-vessel that you pull to pieces; the seeds are as close as they will go, but fenced off from crowding on each other and hindering each other's growth. He who packed them can be trusted, surely, with the arranging

our lives, that nothing may jostle in them, and nothing wasted, for we are of more value to Him than these.

Edward A. Steele, Jr., writing on "The Stewardship of Time" (Officers' Christian Union Bulletin, August, 1955), put it this way:

We must not take on more than we can handle effectively and thus risk damaging our entire witness. One of the great tragedies today is that too many Christian officers are doing too much, because so many professing Christian officers are doing too little.

There is real danger in being in either group. We need to stay close to the Saviour—to save time to fellowship with Him; to study the Word of God and meditate on it; to listen to Him speak to us through the written Word and learn to discern His guiding hand in circumstances; and above all to spend time talking to Him in prayer.

In the stewardship of our time a proper admixture of kindness and firmness should be invoked-kindness in accommodating ourselves in so far as is reasonable and firmness in refusing to do what we should not do in the circumstances.

These are days for us to make decisions. These decisions confine us to walking through the straight gate and in the narrow way (Matt. 7:13, 14), but they lead us to decisive, fruitful living and service for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. END

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Will the church, divinely sheltered, go through the Great Tribulation, or will she be caught up before the time? Here is a discussion of two important books on the subject.

The Church; the Tribulation



The dominant theme of contemporary literature in the area of eschatology written by conservatives (liberal writers rarely discuss the subject) concerns the relationship of the church of Christ to the Great Tribulation, marking the end of this age. All these writers agree that the close of this age will be marked by a tribulation period and by the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. They disagree, however, as to the order of events of this time—and the disagreement involves some important matters.

Those who believe that Christ may come at any time insist that the Great Tribulation will follow His coming for the church, and be succeeded by Christ's coming with the church for judgment. This is known as the pre-tribulation position. Others believe that the Tribulation must come first, and that when the church has passed through this period Christ will come for His own. This is the post-tribulation theory. Still others divide the Tribulation into two sections, and believe that Christ will come in the middle of this period. These are known as mid-tribulationists.

→ I would like to discuss the two most significant contributions to this subject that have appeared during the last few years. It should be pointed out at once that the authors of these works believe with equal sincerity and conviction in the plenary inspiration of the Scriptures. Both agree as to the certainty of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, and both are theologically conservative. These men hold positions on the faculties of two theological seminaries.

The most important defense of the pre-tribulation theory that has appeared in this generation is by Dr. Gerald B. Stanton, professor of Systematic Theology at Talbot Theological Seminary, Los Angeles, in his work, Kept From the Hour: a Systematic Study of the Rapture in Bible Prophecy (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1956, pp. 320; price \$4.95). Dr. Stanton graduated from Wheaton College in 1940, and received his doctor of theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary.

Before considering the major themes of this book, I should like to mention three or four incidental matters. In the extensive bibliography of some 160 titles, there is no reference to the writings of the greatest prophetic scholar of the latter part of the nineteenth century in this country, Nathaniel West. Nor is there any reference in the list to books by such important writers on prophecy as William Moorehead, James M. Gray, H. Grattan Guinness, Samuel J. Andrews, Grant Stroh, R. A. Torrey, W. B. Riley, or even J. N. Darby (though Darby is frequently mentioned in the text).

Dr. Stanton begins his work in a rather strange way: "Fantastic? Perhaps! Possible? Yes, entirely possible! Absurd? No! The words of Peter can never again be thought absurd and impossible," etc. I think this is not considered good style.

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I must here express my personal regret in seeing any man write in his own preface: "There has long been a need for a complete, scholarly and thoroughly Biblical defense of the pre-tribulation return of Christ"—by which one would assume that the author regards his own work as having those qualities.

This is not as disturbing, however, as is his insinuation (p. 18) that it may be Satan himself who "would use to turn the eyes of believers from Christ to Antichrist those prophetic schemes which interpose the Tribulation and all of its dread judgments between the Christian and the coming of the Lord." This is a terrible statement, and one which I hope will be exscinded in another edition.

It is hardly fair to speak of a busy pastor and many an earnest saint as having been "misled by some clever writer pursuing a proselyting campaign for postribulationism." (This statement follows immediately a quotation from a mightily-used Canadian pastor.) This is especially surprising when elsewhere (p. 209) the author rightly says, "The points of disagreement are small indeed when compared with the widely divergent views of amillennialism, and premillennialists will do well to remember the basic unity which exists in spite of their differences."

My major criticism of the work is that its pages are filled with quotations, and refutations of these quotations, from books by post-tribulationists. I realize that these assertions have to be answered, but I doubt if in a work like this there is any need to allude forty times to a publication of twenty years ago by Alexander Reese, and to devote seven full pages to denunciations by other men of Reese's dogmatism, a dogmatism we all regret. Surely there is far too much attention given to a book written nearly a quarter-century ago by a man then seventy years of age comparatively unknown in prophetic circles, John J. Scruby's *The Great Tribulation*, a work which exerted very little influence.

Now let us turn to the content of the book itself. From its title, one would assume that the volume dealt primarily with the Tribulation, which is correct; however, the subtitle states that it is "A Systematic Study of the Rapture," which is a little too comprehensive. The work is primarily concerned with the subject of the Tribulation and when it will take place; but surely there are more themes than this in a study of the whole subject of our Lord's return.

The title of the book is taken from Revelation 3:10, a word to the church in Philadelphia; "Because thou didst keep the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of trial, that hour which is to come upon the whole world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (A.S.V.).

Dr. Stanton insists that "this promise is given to the entire church of Jesus Christ, not merely to one local assembly existing in the days of the Apostle John" (p. 47). In carrying out this idea, he adopts a theory held by many that these seven churches represent seven successive periods of church history, and that Philadelphia "sets forth the characteristics

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of the missionary church beginning with the rise of modern missions under William Carey."

The basic difficulty in this theory of interpretation is that the view has been held for over four hundred years, and as each half-century of history is passed through by the church these periods must be re-adjusted. Consequently, there have been at least ten different interpretations of the church that represents the Reformation, etc.

Later in the book the author is embarrassed by his position when confronted with the fact that if this theory is true the early church could not have expected the Lord to return at any time, for then there must have been seven church periods before that event. So he says, "While it is true that these churches bear a marked resemblance to the various periods of church history, it must not be forgotten that John was writing to seven existing, although representative, congregations" (p. 116).

In a long chapter in this book (VII) and an extended appendix, nearly sixty pages are devoted to setting forth the hermeneutical principle of a literal interpretation of the Scriptures, as against the spiritualization method of interpretation. Here Dr. Stanton has done an excellent piece of work.

However, instead of using, as he does, Norman B. Harrison's study of Revelation as an example of spiritualizing the text, which actually it is not, though Harrison disagrees with Stanton—why did he not deal with some well-known Biblical commentators who really have so interpreted the text, and who have had a substantial following through many generations—for example, John Calvin, Alexander of Princeton a century ago in his monumental work on Isaiah, and Pusey in his outstanding contribution on the Minor Prophets? Here are the treasure houses of this spiritualizing principle as it pertains to prophecy.

I would strongly commend to students of prophecy the author's excellent treatment of the trumpets (pp. 192-198), of the twenty-four elders in the Book of Revelation (pp. 200-208), of the identity of "the restrainer" (pp. 92-107), and especially his discussion of the Day of the Lord and the Day of Christ in Chapter IV. Chapter III contains a thorough consideration of the question, "Is the Church in Matthew 24?" though there is a good deal of irrelevant material here.

With all the criticism I have passed upon this book I must say that my own position fundamentally is that of Dr. Stanton—that the church will not pass through the Tribulation, and I believe that his study of this particular aspect of the second advent of Christ is the best yet produced.

♦ During the past five years, Dr. George E. Ladd, professor of New Testament History and Biblical Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena (who received his doctorate at

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Dr. A. B. Machlin, Executive Director Dept. M, Winona Lake, Indiana Harvard), has issued two books on eschatological themes, both published by Eerdmans of Grand Rapids: Crucial Questions About the Kingdom of God and, more recently, The Blessed Hope. My own opinion is that these two volumes have exercised more influence upon conservative scholars in the field of eschatology than the writings of any other one person during the last twenty years. They have been widely reviewed, and have won high praise from those acquainted with these difficult subjects.

The central thesis of Dr. Ladd's work is that "the Blessed Hope is the second coming of Jesus Christ, and not a pre-tribulation rapture," his argument as a whole being that the Tribulation must precede the advent of our Lord, and that there are not two periods involved in Christ's return, but only one. There is not, in Dr. Ladd's view, a coming for the church before the Tribulation and a return with the church after the Tribulation.

The book was considered so important by Dr. Walvoord, president of Dallas Theological Seminary, that he interrupted his long series of articles in Bibliotheca Sacra on the Tribulation to give an extended review of the book in the October, 1956, issue of that periodical. He states both at the beginning and at the conclusion of his twenty-page review that "Dr. Ladd is to be especially commended for the high standard of courtesy which characterizes the volume."

Not only is Dr. Ladd courteous in his treatment of his opponents, but he does well to emphasize that "the entire debate over the question of whether or not there will be a literal millennium or an earthly kingdom after the return of Christ has nothing to do with the distinction between an orthodox and a liberal theology. Only men who believe in a prophetic Scripture, inspired by the Holy Spirit, will debate the question" (p. 140).

Although my own view of the relation of the church to the Tribulation is not that of Dr. Ladd, I must say that in one aspect of his treatment of the subject he has notably surpassed Dr. Stanton. Dr. Stanton concludes his book with a brief chapter of six pages on the subject of hope in relation to the Lord Jesus, while Dr. Ladd closes his study with twenty-five pages on "The Blessed Hope."

Mere page numbers do not always tell the full story, of course, but one can hardly overlook the fact that Dr. Stanton is so occupied with the subject of the wrath of God and the Tribulation itself, from which the church is saved, that the whole book has a rather dark overcast, which is not present in Dr. Ladd's writing. In other words, Dr. Stanton's work is devoted almost entirely to Tribulation matters, which do not vitally concern the believer since he will not experience this

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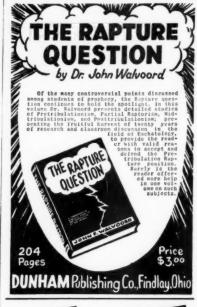
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We, the undersigned, wish to state our approval and recognition of the interdenominational Protestant ministry achieved by the Rev. Douglas G. Stewart, director of the European Evangelistic Crusade (Evangelische Europa Mission), among the many thousands of Hungarian refugees, who fled into Austria. He and his missionaries have performed a most definite and invaluable service for the cause of Christ among these homeless and destitute people. This Christian ministry has been evidenced in the following manner: \$60,000 of food and slothing together with Christian literature has been and is being distributed among needy Protestant refugees in Austria and suffering Protestants in Hungary.

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I have and am personally supervising our relief minis-try to the Hungarian refugees. I have seen their appalling physical need, as well as their need for the comfort of God's Word and the message of salvation in this their tragic hour; and since I speak the Hungarian language I was able to gain their confidence and to work more closely with them.

The EEC is continuing to send physical and spiritual aid to the Hungarian refugees who still continue to escape into Austria daily. HELP THESE COURA-GEOUS PEOPLE NOW IN THEIR HOUR OF DESPER-ATE NEED. These are moments of crisis and momentous change and we cannot wait to help the thousands who are suddenly homeless, sick, hungry and comfortless. THEY NEED YOUR HELP NOW!

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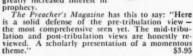
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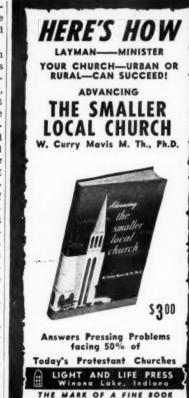
Dr. Ladd has an excellent discussion (pp. 62-69) of the three principal words used in the New Testament for the coming of our Lord-parousia, apokalypsis, and epiphany-in which he asserts that "if one can make anything of language at all no distinction can be made between the parousia, the apokalypse, and the epiphany of our Lord." Dr. Walvoord in his forthcoming book. The Rapture Question (the galley-sheets of which I have had the privilege of reading), admits that these three words are used of both comings (pp. 157-158). In his review of Dr. Ladd's book he says that none of these three words "are technical words in themselves, and must be invested by the context with their specific meaning." All reviewers unite in commending Dr. Ladd for his chapter on the word "watch," perhaps the best treatment of the meaning of this word in the New Testament now available

The second chapter of this work, "The Rise and Spread of Pretribulationism" (pp. 35-60), sets forth some historical data that will be new to many students of this generation. Here Dr. Ladd makes the most of the fact that some of the leaders in prophetic investigation of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries were mostly emphatically post-tribulationists, men such as Nathaniel West, A. J. Gordon, W. J. Erdman, Robert Cameron, William G. Moorehead and Henry W. Frost. These are names to be reckoned with-though the fact that they were post-tribulationists does not in itself settle the question as to whether that is the correct interpretation.

I am glad to note that Dr. Ladd devotes considerable space to the significance of Matthew 24:14 in relation to the great missionary movement of our modern world and indicates how some of the leading missionary statesmen of our generation relate this to the work in which the church is engaged in evangelizing the world. Although Dr. Stanton's elaborate index indicates that various passages from Matthew 24 are discussed in twenty different places in his work, there is no reference here to verse 14. While Dr. Stanton makes numerous references to Titus 2:12-14, Dr. Ladd expounds the passage (pp. 142 ff.) with keen insight.

Dr. Stanton argues that the Day of Christ and the Day of the Lord are two different periods: Dr. Ladd believes they are identical. Dr. Stanton believes that the twenty-four elders of the Book of Revelation refer to the church; Dr. Ladd has a different interpretation.

As to Dr. Stanton's basic assumption from Revelation 3:10, Dr. Ladd admits that this prophecy concerns the Great Tribulation, but he also affirms that the



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language "neither asserts nor demands the idea of bodily removal from the midst of the coming trial" because, so he says, the Greek preposition ek may refer to being kept during the hour of trial as in John 17:15 and Galations 1:4.

Later, however (p. 98), the word "church," Dr. Ladd says, "is never used in the Revelation to designate the church in its totality; it is employed only of the several historical churches to which John sent the seven letters and the Revelation itself." If that is true, how can words to the Philadelphia church refer to a future world situation?

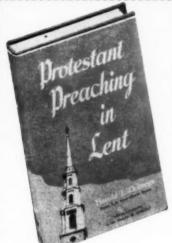
Dr. Ladd insists that the Great Tribulation must not be identified with the "day of wrath," for "the church will be on earth throughout the entire period of the Tribulation but will be divinely sheltered from the wrath of God." At the same time, he says (p. 128) that inasmuch as God's people have always suffered persecution, why should they not expect the church to suffer the most intense persecution at the end of this age?

In considering Luke 21:36 in his chapter on "Watch," Dr. Ladd makes a statement which cannot be settled with any finality from the Scripture text; namely, that "all these things that shall come to pass" are to be assigned to "the last part of the Great Tribulation."

The reference to the "first resurrection" in Revelation 20:5 confessedly presents a problem to pre-tribulationists, because the twentieth chapter of Revelation follows the account of the battle of Armageddon in Chapter 19 and chronologically, therefore, this would seem to imply that the first resurrection, which is the resurrection of believers, will occur at the end of this tribulation period. Dr. Stanton recognizes the difficulty of this passage and gives considerable attention to it. insisting that the word first here does not refer to time but to kind, and that "the first resurrection speaks not necessarily of an event, but rather of an order of resurrection." He admits, "There is no clear indication of various stages of resurrection in these words."

It is not my purpose here to answer the assertions of either of these authors, but I would like to conclude with a statement from Dr. Walvoord's forthcoming book, The Rapture Question (p. 148): "The fact is that neither post-tribulationism nor pre-tribulationism is an explicit teaching of Scripture. The Bible does not in so many words state either." Elsewhere he says, "The rapture question is determined more by ecclesiology than eschatology," and "to a large extent premillennialism is dependent upon the definition of the church" (p. 16).

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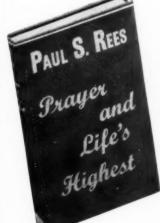
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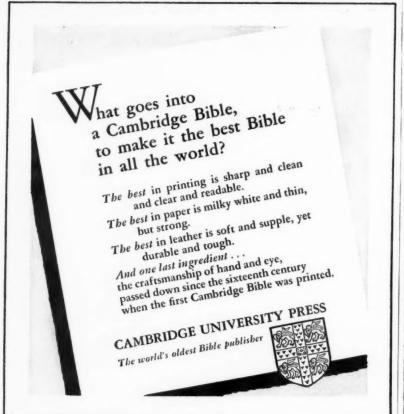
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held for many years, that the Lord Jesus may come at any time, and the church will not go through the Tribulation. If the church is to experience the Tribulation, the idea of the imminency of Christ's appearing must be given up. I think that no man can say from the Scriptures that Christ cannot come today. And if He could return today, it is not necessary to argue that He will come at the end of this dreadful period of suffering and Satanic rule.

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by bill pearce



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Herman does his usual nice, dependable job here with feeling and the inevitable smooth Voss endings on most of the numbers. Here's a man who can also accompany well—an added musical virtue, indeed. This is good background music, too. Keeps the thoughts of the gospel message working inside your heart all the time. So, if you can't stand to listen as you sing to yourself, I submit these lovely organ sounds by Herman Voss, a credit to any record player.

"I've been waiting for a long time to hear this fellow sing," I whispered to my wife. We were sitting about ten rows from the front in a high school auditorium. The Youth for Christ concert had been under way for about fifteen minutes, already having featured the Ohman brothers trumpet trio (formerly from Youth on the March Telecast). Then the majestic opening strains of Allitsen's "The Lord is My Light" introduced a voice that thrilled me down to my toes. Tenor Ronnie Avalone was singing with a vocal impetus that I'll not soon forget. It was really tremendous. Now-here's the record of it on a Zondervan hi-fi disc, THE HOLY CITY (ZLP-500) album. The recording doesn't catch that fullness of tone that I heard in the auditorium, but Mr. Avalone does a nice job. Besides serving as the title of the album, The Holy City is also the lead number. The Lord's Prayer (Mallotte) is another gem.

I'm sure that some folk will enjoy the two numbers in the album where Mrs. Avalone joins with hubby to sing I've Discovered the Way of Gladness and And This I Know. I confess I didn't, The two voices did not seem to blend as well as they might, which caused me to lose interest until the solos came on again. Of course, I'm only one fellow who perhaps hears different things than the listener next to me. That's why there is such a variety of styles, combinations and types of musical renditions. For the most part, I think you'll enjoy the record Gil Mead on piano, and organist Doug Fisher take the honors in the accompaniment department here and do so with good musical poise.

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Then the devil said to Him. In view of the fact that you are Son of God by virtue of your possession of the divine essence, speak to this stone to the effect that it will become a loaf of bread.

And Jesus answered him. It has been written and is now on record, The individual person shall not live on bread

And taking Him up, he exposed to His eyes all the kingdoms of the Roman empire in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, To you I will give this authority, all of it, and its glory, because to me it has been given and is now in my possession, and to whomever I desire I give it. As for you, therefore, if you will fall upon your knees before me and touch the ground with your forehead as an expression of profound and reverential worship, all shall be yours.

And Jesus answering said to him, It has been written and is at present on record, You shall worship the Lord your God, and to Him only you shall render

And he brought Him into Jerusalem, and stood Him upon the wing of the temple, and said to Him, In view of the fact that you are Son of God by virtue of your participation in the divine essence, hurl yourself down from this place, for it has been written and at present is on record. To His angels He shall give a charge concerning you, to carefully guard you, and also, In their hands they shall lift you up and carry you lest at any time you strike your foot against a stone.

And Jesus answering said him, It has been said and is at present on record, You shall not put the Lord your God to an all-out test. And having completed every test and solicitation to sin, the devil stood off from Him until a more propitious time.

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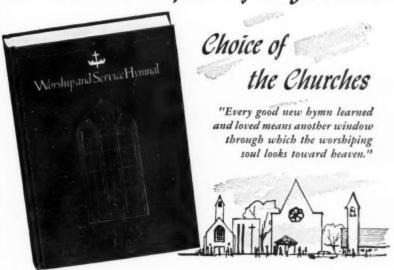
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Q. My question concerns Joshua 6:21, Numbers 31:17,18, and similar passages. I am working among veterans and soldiers in an effort to lead them to the Lord, and this principle (of apparent brutality) has proved a great stumbling block. How can one explain the above passages to men who think brutalities and atrocities are committed by men who do what they do because they have no regard for God?—M.B., Illinois

A. God works out His will and purpose in the lives of nations as well as individuals. In the passages mentioned He was authorizing, even commanding, the Israelite people to act as the executioners of wicked nations (Cf. Num. 25, Gen. 15:16).

The issue was important because of God's purpose to make Israel His holy people. The Midianites (Num. 31:1) had already exerted a very evii influence on them. Later, as mentioned in Joshua 6, it was also necessary to remove the corrupting influence of the Canaanites before the Israelites entered the land.

One cannot overlook the fact that both the Midianites and the Cannanites made certain moral and spiritual choices with certain inevitable consequences. That God chose Israel to carry out His judgments does not mean that the nation was guilty of brutality (i.e., savagery, cruelty) any more than an official executioner is guilty of a brutal method or considered guilty of murder. There is, of course, nothing in either passage to indicate that the putting to death of these people was done in such a manner.

—A. Franklin Broman

Q. Can you give me any information regarding the supposed discovery of Noah's Ark in recent years? — N.H., British Columbia, Canada

A. As with many Biblical antiquities, tradition has been busy with Noah's ark. We are told that the Armenians believed that Noah's ark had remained intact through the centuries on the summit of Mt. Ararat, and that in order to preserve it from destruction God had forbidden anyone to go near it.

The mountain was climbed, however. by G. F. Parrot, in 1829. A topographical expedition was directed to the summit of

Ararat by Colonel Khoelzko in 1850. No report of a discovery of the ark was made at that time. In 1876 Lord Bryce, while exploring the Ararat range, found a piece of wood, which he humorously identified as a piece of Noah's ark.

In 1916 a Russian airman, W. Roskovitsky, declared that he had seen the remains of an ancient vessel on one of the slopes of Mount Ararat. An expedition organized by the Czar himself brought back a reputedly favorable report which was lost during the revolution of 1917.

An American expedition attempted to locate the missing ark in 1949, without success. Meanwhile two Turkish journalists claimed to have found the ark on Mt. Judi on the Mesopotamian border. A French expedition in 1952 met with the same failure as the earlier expeditions.

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The story of the preservation of the ark appears to be a pious legend, similar in nature to stories of the discovery of the true cross, and other sacred relics. Our faith has a more firm foundation than these provide.—Charles F. Pjeifler

Q. Did Jesus change water into wine? I read an article that said He did not, that the guests at the wedding said this was the "best wine" out of courtesy, and that a person of Christ's rank was not expected either to drink wine or provide it for a wedding.—L.L., Illinois

A. John 2:9 and 4:46 clearly state that "he made the water wine." The question in the mind of our reader may be, Was this wine alcoholic? Young's Analytical Concordance says the Greek word oinos in John 2 may be translated either wine or grape juice. Many Bible students are convinced that unfermented grape juice is in view in passages like John 2:9, Matthew 9:17 and I Timothy 5:23.

That our Lord was among "winebibbers" in Cana, which would violate Proverbs 23:20, is inconceivable. It was His enemies who called Him a winebibber (Matt. 11:19). The one time our Lord was offered wine to drink He refused it (Mark 15:22). John 2:9 cannot contradict Romans 14:21, where abstinence is enjoined if indulgence would cause a brother to stumble.—S. Maxwell Coder

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It's Time to Pray!

By Rose Marie Fink

T is easy to get the extra prayer time you need if you use the chime clock reminder. This truth slowly dawned on me after I had falteringly tried to keep a promise to pray just ten extra minutes a day.

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A visiting evangelist asked for the hands of those who would pray for the services ten minutes a day, in addition to their regular daily devotions. So I raised mine. The first few days were easy-aren't they always? But as the momentum of the meetings increased, the subsequent rush of activities crowded our already busy days. In order to keep my promise, I would find myself at the close of the day hurriedly "sliding in" those extra ten minutes.

That, I decided, was utterly wrong. Tomorrow morning I would start in the freshness of the new day to lift my heart to the Lord throughout the morning whenever there was a lull in activities. Even before I had finished the thought, a new chime clock struck the hour. The beautiful soft harmony of its notes was the last thing I remembered before falling off to sleep.

The next morning I was awakened to consciousness by the clock striking again. Instantly there was a rush of prayer in my heart for our services, a welling up so fresh and real it seemed to blend with the vibrant music of the chimes in a swelling harmony of praise. That was it! The clock! What more beautiful call to prayer could I want?

That morning will always stand out in my memory. Regardless of the busy moments in between, at the striking of the clock, I would lift my heart, if only for a moment, in that precious, sweet communion. That was prayer as it was meant to be-effectual, fervent, continuous prayer. Not the performance of a duty obligingly accepted as a means of rendering Christian service.

Needless to say, from that day forward that little chime clock became my prayer reminder. Some days I would find myself waiting for the sound of it, my heart already lifted in prayer. To a busy mother of four active boys, endeavoring to be "an help meet" to a pastor (at that time of four growing rural congregations), those brief times of prayer were moments of refreshing long to be remembered.

The evangelist left, and since has been followed by many others, but still there has been that upsurge of spirit daily, whenever I was within sound of the chimes. The blessing has lingered through the years. END

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be of dismayed; for I am thy God.—Isaiah 41:10

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee.—John 14:1, Isalah 43:2



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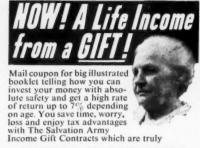
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Awakening Africa

By Don Turner

A FRICA has its feet on the pedals of a bicycle called "change." It is pumping hard, and threatens to leave the Christian missionary in its dust. That's the gist of a report to Moody Monthly from Harold B. Street, executive secretary of Evangelical Literature Overseas, who has recently returned from a trip to eleven countries on the Dark Continent.

One result of its ride on the twowheeler has been Africa's demand for a black-man's Christianity to replace the white one "imposed upon it" by the missionary. There has been no shortage of false prophets, each starting his own sect and each profiting financially from the deception.

The change religion-wise has its parallel in all other spheres of African life . . . political, economic and social.

Some Africans have become proficient riders of the "change" bicycle . . . already having ridden to national independence. Others have wobbled and taken a spill or two but they have determinedly re-mounted to press toward that goal. Along the road they shed poverty for comparative plenty through development of natural resources . . . high mortality for longer life because of better living conditions . . . country life for city life . . . and tribalism for individualism.

Incidently the bicycle we refer to is not only a metaphor. Outside many African huts can be seen five or more bicycles . . . one for each member of the family, including the wife, who formerly knew only the curses and beatings of her husband. As for doodads, about all they lack is radar.

Street observed that since the African has gained intelligence he has lost to a considerable degree his superstition. His new-found individualism, however, makes him unwilling to submit to the paternalism which has characterized much conventional missionary effort during the past fifty years.

Noting that Africa's population increases by 3 per cent and literacy by 5 per cent each year, while the Christian community increases by only 1 per cent, Street concludes that "the church of Jesus Christ is farther from 'finishing

the work' of Christ's appointment with each succeeding year."

The enemy is at work. Communism and cults are on the scene setting up propaganda centers to lure the African. Some gospel literature has been turned out, notably publications such as the widely distributed African Challenge, but only a small dent has been made in reaching Africa as a whole.

How can the missionaries, who already are spread too thin, reach more lost souls? Street and hundreds of missionaries across Africa believed a general "literature offensive" must be launched. Seventy-five to 100 per cent of the missionary organizations in given language areas were interested enough in the proposal to attend eighteen conferences on literature. Some missionaries and nationals paid their expenses themselves when their organizations didn't assume the responsibility. Street and Evangelical Literature Overseas were impressed with the pitch of enthusiasm, interest and spiritual tone evident at each conference.

After discussing the lack of literature on the field and determining what steps should be taken to launch a literature offensive, the delegates published a list of resolutions which were sent to missionaries, field councils and mission executives in the homelands. Among them was the setting up of a central literature committee to act as clearing house, approving agency and instruction center for writers. Mission boards are being urged to release older missionaries, who know the culture and idiom of the people, so they may devote full time to the literature ministry. New missionaries would assume their present conventional

While asking prayer for those who will be preparing manuscripts, Street also requests prayer for Evangelical Literature Overseas and others undertaking literature work.

As Street says, "the Lord Jesus Christ alone is sufficient to meet this new challenge." Africa, the land of change, can experience the most wonderful change of all . . . the change that takes place when Christ comes to dwell in the heart.

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By Michael J. Sheldon

ECENTLY in reading the life of James McConkey I noticed the story of an experience he had while staying on the shores of one of the Great Lakes. It was at a time when he was recovering from an illness and his only diversion was sailing. On one occasion he went out on the lake and was becalmed for some time. Ill from the scorching sun, he prayed for a wind. Instead of receiving the answer for which he had asked, he received another-a fisherman came and

How did God answer his prayer? Not by wind, but by a fisherman. God knew that he should not have prayed for the means but for the end, for deliverance, for there is more than one way for God to answer prayer.

It would be impossible to meet every question as to how God answers prayer. We might ask, does answered prayer always involve a miracle or does answered prayer ever involve a miracle? Is there a pattern or formula to be found? It would be impossible to analyze completely how God answers prayer for there are no doubt ways which He as yet has never used. God is not a creature of habit and His ways are as varied as the patterned snowflakes. There are, however, at least three ways used by God to answer prayer which we may note with

♦ IMMEDIATELY after Elijah gave God's verdict to Ahab concerning his sinfulness, the prophet's life was endangered and he was counselled by God to hide at the brook Cherith. Alone by the side of a wilderness stream he may have asked or prayed, "What shall I eat? How shall I live?" God's answer was, "Live by the water of the stream, and the ravens shall bring bread and flesh."

Here God used the forces and creatures of nature. God used the birds and elements of nature to answer prayer. I believe He often does it that way.

Second, God uses other people to answer prayer. When the water dried, He sent Elijah to Zeraphath to a widow and her son. Why didn't God send him to a home of plenty? Apparently there was more at stake than just Elijah. Elijah came in the nick of time, when the woman and son had a handful of meal

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God still uses men and women to do His will. An old lady prayed for potatoes which were brought by boys who then planned to tease her and discount her faith. But her faith was not to be shaken. "God answered," she said stoutly, "even if the devil brought them."

Sometimes, of course, God wants us to answer our own prayers. This is emphasized by the story of a family who sat down to pray. The father prayed, "Dear God, take care of the people who are not as fortunate as we, who do not have food for themselves nor for their cattle. Amen." The youngest boy of the family remarked, "Father if I had your corn crib and freezer. I could answer your prayer for you, for we have enough for ourselves and for our neighbors and their cattle."

+ FINALLY, of course, God sometimes intervenes directly to bring about His will. He opened the Red Sea. He caused the walls of Jericho to fall. He made water to spill from a wilderness rock. All these are amazing evidences of His miraculous power.

Thus we have seen that the link between prayer and answer is God's will; that we should pray because God commands us to pray and finally, that, among other ways, God answers prayer by the forces and creatures of nature, by men and by miracle. Above all we have been reminded that God does answer prayer.

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And praising God I went upon my way, For I was fed.

God answers prayer, sometimes, when hearts are weak.

He gives the very gifts believers seek.

But often faith must learn a deeper rest, And trust God's silence when He does not speak:

For He whose name is love will send the Best.

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But God is true. His promises are sure For those who seek.

In John 15:5, we read, "Without me ye can do nothing." May I encourage you to pray by faith-believe.

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Bright and early these pupils and teachers from Watertown, Wis., are parading to make their VBS known. A successful vacation Bible school takes early planning and energetic leadership.

VBS materials are all ready to go.

Like tools, some are old ones sharpened up,
others brand new. Your job
is to pick them up and use them.

Packaged Tools for Your VBS

By Bernice T. Cory

Editor-in-chief, Scripture Press, Wheaton, Ill.



What do those words, "vacation Bible school," evoke in your heart and mind?

Tremendous work? They shouldn't.
Actually, VBS should conjure up memories of "a wonderful time" . . . "lots of work, but most abundantly worth while"

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In the early days of VBS, often the task surely seemed almost too great. Teachers would have to plan their own material, work out their own lessons and hunt up ideas for handwork. Now most VBS lesson materials come to the teacher completely worked out. Almost every problem a teacher is likely to meet has been anticipated; and lessons, correlated activities and handwork have all been prepared in detail by experienced VBS workers.

Come with me behind the scenes into the editorial rooms of a Sunday school publishing house. Listen in as consecrated Christian workers plan the courses with your needs, your church and entire community in mind.

"Look," one says to the others, "we must give all the churches every possible help that we can. People are busy, perhaps indifferent, and some don't know how to go about this business of putting on a successful VBS program."

"That's right," another answers.
"What do you say is the greatest need?"

"Well, first, Christian people must be sold on the importance of VBS. They must see what exceptional results can be achieved by a concentrated teaching program that drives home God's Word in a varied, attractive way three hours

a day for five successive days over two consecutive weeks."

"And they must have a correlated program," adds another, "that will meet the needs of every age-group in the school. There needs to be step-by-step tips so that even novices in teaching can get the material across, not just somehow, but triumphantly."

"Don't you think the courses should have unity and balance, and emphasize key truths that the boys and girls and teachers most need? The plan of salvation must be presented daily for VBS draws unchurched children as well as those from churches that do not make plain how to belong to God's family. And help must be given those who have accepted Christ as their Saviour to know how to grow and develop as Christians. Then, too, the courses must be complete, so that workers won't have to scurry all over to get suggested material."

"Yes, all those are important, and let's also give specific suggestions for the closing demonstration program," urges a writer. "Some people still think it's a time for the most talented children to speak pieces! Many don't realize that the closing program is really a sharing experience and a natural opportunity for parents and friends to see how much the children have actually learned about the Bible and about the living and loving Lord Jesus."

"Here's another must," an editor hastens to add. "We should try to show teachers how much better a job they can do when they teach the same course a second or third or even fourth time. Some may not know that the material is given in a three-year cycle. Since if the curriculum and suggested system of grading are followed, it takes the pupil three years to go through a department; it is only the teacher who repeats the material.

"Actually, by repeating a course, the teacher profits by any mistakes previously made and is that much more adept in reaching the hearts of the children," she continued. "We must stress over and over that teachers should not teach lessons but children. In public school, it is the experienced teachers who have taught the same course for years who are the best qualified to develop the personalities as well as the minds of children. Surely that is just as true for VBS teachers."

♦ Ann so the writers and editors pray and plan and perspire to bring you the very best and most economical materials possible. They also give you a planning calendar and tell you specifically when to start VBS plans, what workers you will need, the number and kinds of committees to appoint and what planning and demonstration meetings to conduct.

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They realize that teaching helps are not one bit better than the workers behind them and that VBS cannot succeed as it should unless:

- The venture is planned months ahead of time:
- · "Effectual, fervent prayer" paves the wav:
- · Accurate records are kept; and
- · Prospects are followed up for months afterward.

♦ What happens as a result of months of editorial prayer and planning? What happens after scores of themes, songs, handwork ideas have been consideredand most of them discarded as being inappropriate, unsuitable for the age, too hard or too expensive? The best material is chosen, put into usable form. Thus the basic preparation has been done and all the teacher needs to do is to put it to work.

Many churches are profiting by the excellent materials available from a number of publishing houses. Others seem to think a good course will teach itself. Right here is where the difference comes between producing a successful school and one which everyone struggles to get through. No tool, however good, will do a workman any good unless he picks it up and puts it to work.

Wise church workers have learned that it pays to consider VBS almost as a year-round part of the Christian education program. In doing so they study the VBS catalogues so brimful of helpful "do's" and "don't's." They order their materials near the first of the year. They put to use the previous year's records. They realize that more than a director and a staff of teachers are needed and enlist all kinds of willing workers.

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visual aids or correlated handwork to further impress lesson truths. Because of the late start there is no time to learn new songs that "just fit" the lessons, so they fall back on the old ones already familiar to the children. In fact, the teachers are not well enough acquainted with the course to be able to weave in the truth-clinching memory verses skillfully.

The hastily-enlisted teachers are unhappy because they haven't had time to pray, to study and live with the material. In their rush they find it difficult to make samples of handwork, to do the assignments in the pupil's workbook and prayerfully plan how to reach Jim or Alice or "that impossible Billy." They

are so intent on keeping one day ahead of the class that they are not alert to the yearning of some boy or girl to talk privately to them about how to receive Christ as Saviour.

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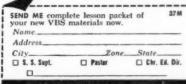
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By George S. England

In hunting, shotguns are used for small game—rifles for the prize kill. Throughout the history of evangelism the Christian church too often has used the shotgun method, and too many times fallen short of the mark because of aimless shooting into space.

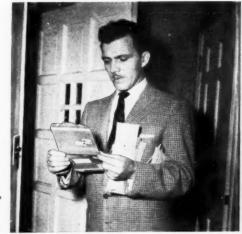
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Suppose he finds in his mail a "self-mailer" in the shape of a suitcase—the paper leather-grained to look so realistic it almost *smells* like leather. When he opens it he reads, "Now that you are unpacked, we would like to introduce you to some people who would like to be your friends. . . ." Chances are, the Newcomers would soon come to see what goes on at the church which so promptly sends out the unusual invitation. In fact, the invitation actually becomes a "conversation piece," and more than a few of Newcomer's acquaintances will be sure to hear about it.

Ours is a day when business is using conversation pieces. Few ordinary mimeographed letters command any real attention in today's direct mail programs. The church needs to think more in terms of the psychological time—common life situations when it can move in to best present the claims of the church with a personalized printed piece.

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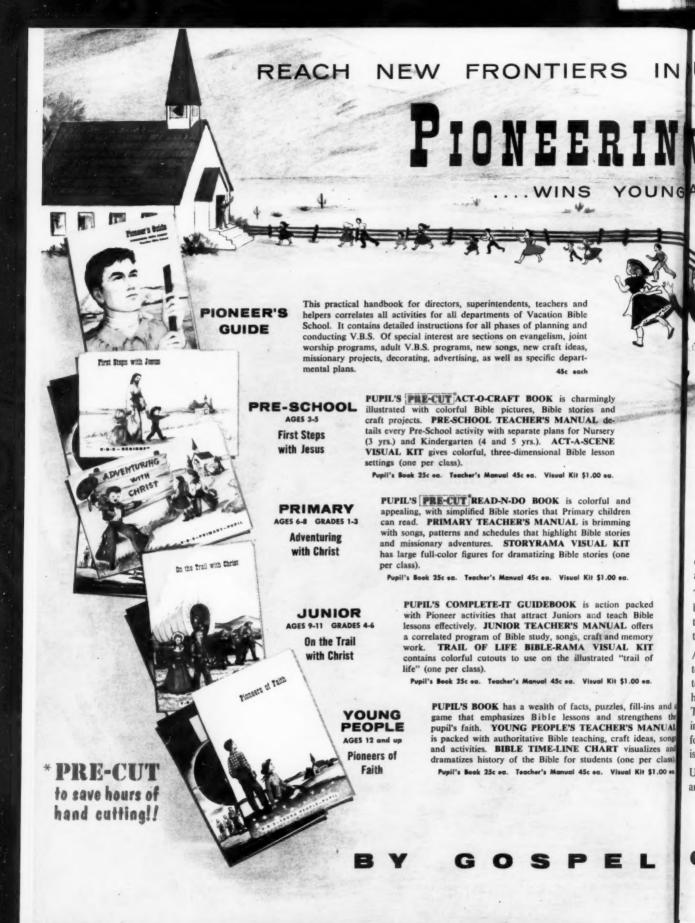


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'After dinner on this Sunday, the man, a policeman living six blocks from the church and the father of two older children, said he asked his wife where that little baby book was from the church. He'd like to read it again. When he had re-read it, he and his wife talked about their need of a Saviour and fellowship in a church.'

The result, the pastor went on to tell, was that this man determined to drop by the church right then, introduce himself and get acquainted.

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or four blocks to his brother's home. 'He needs to get right spiritually, too,' he said."

The next Sunday the policeman and his entire family were in this pastor's Sunday school, stayed for the morning service and were back again in the evening. The right psychological time and way to reach this man's family and sphere of influence was through the new baby.

With a little imagination, the pastor and every Christian in his church can capitalize upon innumerable situation contacts in life to make the influence of their church feit in a personal way in the community. When an insurance agent or a mortician moves into a neighborhood, right away he does a number of things to put his roots down in the area in which he hopes to be successful. By the same token, every evangelical church should have widening contacts so that its positive influence reaches out. The ministry of the church should not be limited to the members of the congregation.

Many pastors overlook another important time in every person's life—his birthday. But industry has found birthdays far more effective than the traditional "Season's Greetings."

It is not difficult for a pastor to employ this appreciated way of showing interest. One pastor I know has a supply of cards printed for the year, with his picture and personal message on it. Volunteers from his adult class meet and address and stamp envelopes for every man, woman and child in the congregation. Then his secretary keeps these in a dated file according to birth dates. Every morning, the secretary's first duty is to check this file and put into the mail cards for those people whose birthdays come the following day.

Not only does the aggressive pastor send birthday cards to his own people, but to the VIP's in the community as

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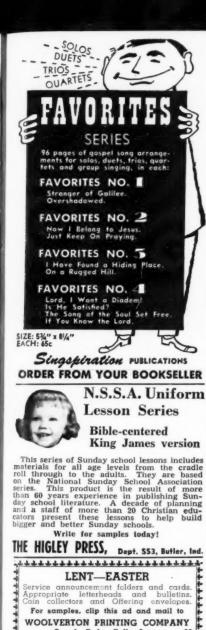
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well. Every school teacher, doctor, dentist, business and civic leader, as well as office holders and many others should receive a greeting from him on their birthday. There are methods of getting these birthdates without cost. It would be tremendously worthwhile for any pastor to investigate this.

You can build your own situation contacts if you have the right tools. Some pastors use a booklet, "What Do You Really Think—says Dr. John Brown" which has an evangelism message expressing the voice of the pastor and is personalized by the use of his name. This is good not only for his own use, but for the soul-winning church member to use as well. More than a tract, these are easy to hand to a friend or close business contact in whose spiritual welfare you are interested.

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The same booklet is a help for both soul-winning and publicity for your church when calling in a home or hospital. For instance, the pastor is calling on John Jones in a four-bed hospital room. It would be quite normal for Jones to introduce his pastor to the other patients.

Under this circumstance, it might be difficult for the pastor to press personal work or give out an ordinary piece of Christian literature. If he has his own booklet, however, bearing his name and pertinent information about his church, he can quite easily say upon leaving, "It was certainly nice meeting you, Mr. Smith. Here's a little booklet of mine you might enjoy looking through while you're here. God bless you!" Because it is personal, you can be sure the book will be read.

There are other life situations evangelical churches should be making more of, not only to publicize the church, but to spread its influence. Every high school and college young person from the community should be reached by the church upon their graduation.

Imagine, if you will, the impact of a little booklet called, "Rowing Up the Stream," which arrives shortly before commencement and bears the pastor's name. Not only will the warm word of challenge from the pastor reach the graduate, but his family and friends will also appreciate the pastor's interest. Even the passing from kindergarten to first grade which is greeted by the school with such fanfare these days should not be overlooked as an opportunity to tie the family to the church.

Broaden your outlook! Look upon your whole field ready for harvest. If you as a pastor or concerned Christian layman follow these and other good public relations procedures, you will find more opportunities for effective witnessing than you can possibly keep up with. But be consistent. Beware of blowing hot and cold. Successful businesses have an ongoing, week in and week out, year in and year out advertising and promotional program that spells success. The church should do no less.

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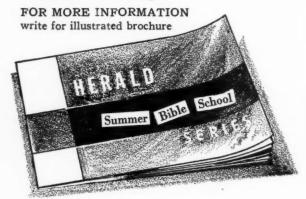
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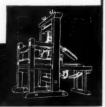


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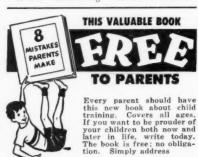


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Two blocks down the street Dolly could see the corner of their little grey house. It was a nice house, just big enough for the three of them. She took longer steps and wished she had never left home this morning.

Mother and Daddy were home already and Dolly hurried through the back yard. She laid her Bible on the bookcase and sat on the edge of the couch. She tried to smooth her face into a smile so no one would ask what was the matter.

"Ummm-" Odors coming from the kitchen smelled good. Sunday dinners were always special with a "yummy" dessert. Sunday afternoons meant long walks through the leaves or story-telling in the living room. She loved Sundays but today it wasn't the same.

Mother came to sit beside her while

the roast was simmering on the stove. "Isn't the new church nice?" Mother asked brightly.

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Dolly twisted her head sideways so Mother couldn't see the big tear rolling down one cheek.

'You're certainly in a nice big Sunday school class," Mother said. "You'll probably make friends in no time."

Dolly put up one hand to muffle the sniffs and felt behind the sofa pillow for her hanky.

"We're going to like it there, I know," Mother went on. "It is a little different from our home town church,

"No! I don't like it!" Dolly burst out and began to sob, hugging the sofa pillow.

"Why, honey!" Although she was such a big girl Mother gathered her right up in her arms and held her close. "What don't you like about the new church?"

"I just don't like it, I'll never go back again," Dolly wailed. "You don't understand, but I just-can'tever go back!"

Mother straightened up and said

kindly, "Why not, Dolly?"

"Because of my-my-clothes!"
"Your clothes?"

"Ye-yes, t-they're not nice enough. Why Mother, those girls all had party dresses on!" Dolly mopped at her eyes with the damp hanky. "Andand jewelry-like grown-up ladies."

"Those things don't matter, honey. You always look nice. God looks on the heart, you know, and it doesn't

matter at all whether-"

"But Mother! It matters to me!" Dolly buried her head in the pillow and began to cry again. "I can't go back there, it's so different from our other Sunday school. Besides, the girls there are so pretty!"

"Pretty?" Mother wrinkled her nose the way she did when she was doubtful. "How were they pretty?"

"Wel-l-l-l, you know, their clothes, and their hair all curled, and their hair ribbons . . .

"That isn't real beauty, Dolly. A girl who is really pretty has her hair brushed till it shines-

"What does that have to do with it?" Dolly sniffed.

"And she has an extra special clean face with clean teeth and a smile for everybody," Mother continued.

"Oh, Mother, that's-"

"And she has clean fingernails and a clean dress.'

Dolly smoothed her neat Sunday dress over her knees and folded her hands in her lap. Guiltily she spied the dark borders on the nails of her crossed thumbs and quickly sat on her hands.

She was glad Mother was looking across at Dad just then and hadn't noticed. She wished Mother wouldn't get so personal.

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"Aw, Mother! That isn't what I mean. They wear party dresses, and

"Nevertheless, those are the things that really make a pretty girl, Dolly,' her Mother looked real serious.

'Am I like that?"

"You can be, if you start today," Mother answered.

Dolly shut her eyes tightly, and made a little face as she thought. Then she decided.

'I'll try it," she promised. "I'll try it, but if it doesn't work, I'll-I'll never go back!"

"There's one more thing, dear. The most important.'

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"Will I look different?"

"Not in the mirror." Mother smiled and turned toward the stove. "But you will look different to others," she called over her shoulder.

For a while Dolly sat very still and Father went on reading his paper. "I'll begin today," at last she decided

The following Sunday, Dolly's class sat in the two front rows in Sunday school. There was a special speaker, a man who drew pictures in chalk. Dolly remembered to smile at each girl and then sat quietly during the singing.

Celia Emmet had a new red silk dress, she noticed, and her hair was combed into thousands of golden ringlets. Dolly's face almost drooped when she saw Barbara's new coat. Betty's hat had a bunch of colored feathers and Dolly thought she looked down her nose at her.

Dolly watched the speaker. He was setting up his blackboard and opening a giant box of chalk. When the singing was over, he held up his big hand for silence and said, "Will some young lady like to come up front and help me?"

The girls in the first two rows sat up straighter and each one looked hopeful. "The pretty girl down there," he said, pointing to the first row.

Dolly sank back, disappointed. He meant Celia. Of course, it would be Celia. She shouldn't even have hoped . . .

"The pretty girl," the speaker was repeating. "The pretty girl down there in the brown skirt."

Brown skirt! Dolly was startled, wondering, she looked around.

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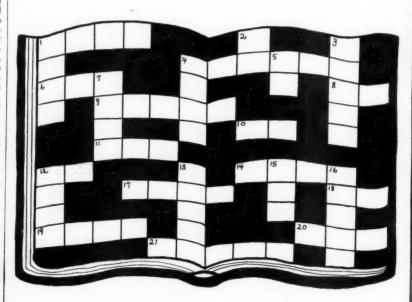
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"He means you," Betty whispered, shoving her forward.

Dolly was walking on air. She forgot that she didn't have a party dress or golden curls. She forgot the other girls. She only knew that she loved the Lord a little bit better than the week before—and that He was letting her help in this small way.



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- A man from whom God removed a rib. Genesis 2:21
- Abram obeyed God and journeyed to this land. Genesis 12:5
- 6. Cain's mother. Genesis 4:1
- 8. The king of Bashan. Numbers 21:33



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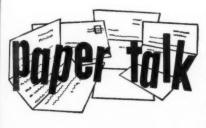
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- 9. The evil one who tempted Jesus. Matthew 4:1
- 10. Abram's home city. Genesis 11:31
- 11. A land to the east of Eden. Genesis 4:16
- 12. Judah's firstborn son. Genesis 38:7
- 14. First-mentioned son of Noah. Genesis 10:1
- 17. Japheth's father. Genesis 7:13

- City on border of Moab. Numbers 21:15
- 19. Third son of Adam. Genesis 4:25
- 20. Tenth son of Benjamin. Genesis 46:21
- 21. Father of many nations. Genesis 17:5

Down

- 1. Shepherd son of Adam. Genesis 4:2
- 2. Of the family of Reuben. Numbers 16:1
- 3. Father of Methuselah. Genesis 5:21
- 4. Abel's brother. Genesis 4:9
- 5. A city near Jericho. Joshua 7:2
- 7. The first man's home. Genesis 2:8
- 12. Name of Seth's son. Genesis 4:26
- 13. A spy who had faith. Numbers 13:30
- 15. Middle son of Noah. Genesis 5:32
- Where Abram built an altar. Genesis 13:18



Lee: Here's a good letter from Spring City, Pa. It's from Charlene Henry—

Lynn: Why, I have a letter from Spring City too! It's from Carol Jean Henry—

Lee: They must be twins! Look! Right here it says: "My twin sister Carol Jean and I surely enjoy the Moody Monthly Jr. page. We were saved at camp Sankanac the summer of 1955. It was wonderful to be a Christian this past summer. We spent two weeks at camp. We are 10."

Lynn: Carol Jean says: "As my twin sister Charlene wrote you a note I too want to write and tell you how much I enjoy reading your Moody Monthly Jr. page. It's lots of fun to read about you twins. We are twin nieces of 'The Musical Places,' Mr. and Mrs. Lester Place—"

Lee: Oh, I remember them at Gull Lake Bible Conference! Remember they rang the bells and shook the chimes? Lynn: Oh yes! But you interrupted. Carol Jean says, "—who travel around the country telling other boys and girls about Jesus. We sure have fun when we go and stay over night at their home. We sing choruses and 'Unc' tells us lots of stories."

Lee: That's real nice. Now listen to this one from Barbara Bechon. She lives in Taiwan.

Lynn: Where?

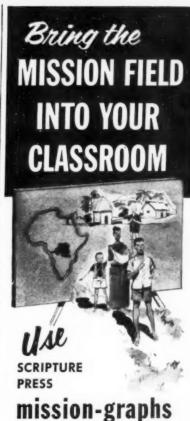
Lee: Taiwan. You know, that's Formosa, the big island by China. Barbara says, "I have read Paper Talk. I am ten years old and the oldest of six children. Four of us go to a school for missionary children in Taichung, which is eleven miles from here. We go on the public bus. It takes an hour each way."

Lynn: My, that's a long ride! Do you know Lee, we've been talking in Paper Talk for one whole year already!

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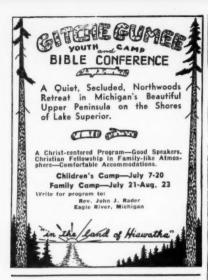
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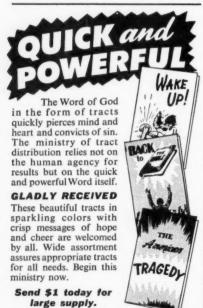
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March 17 The Authority of Jesus Matthew 21:23-32

MEMORY SELECTION: The people were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one having authority.—
Matthew 7:28, 29

Fearlessly facing His crucifixion which was only a few days away, our Lord stood in the temple meeting His bitter enemies and replying to their attack in words of wisdom such as no man ever spake. In cleansing the temple He had, as the leaders of the people saw it, assumed authority. He declared His relationship to His Father, and in condemning the fig tree He had talked authoritatively of the prayer of faith.

These and other events raised the question of his authority. This is, after all, the paramount question in the field of religion. The chief priests and the elders bore the office; they were recognized by the people as having authority. And now they were being challenged by a young layman, who had suddenly appeared and claimed authority far above their recognized standing. Rightly asked it was an appropriate question they raised. But our text reveals it to have been

I. A Proper Question with an Improper Motive (v. 23)

These leaders had the right and the responsibility to ask about the authority of this new teacher. And we must do the same if we are not to be led astray.

"Authority is the right to command or to act. It is the claim to be believed or obeyed. In the field of religion all authority derives from God. A person is authoritative who speaks on God's behalf. A doctrine is authoritative if it is directly revealed by God through the Bible. There are certain ways in which we can test the authority of religious truth or practices. If we do not have a direct command . . we ask three questions: Is the thing, person, or teaching involved morally sound? Does it indicate obedience to God's will? Is it useful?" (Earl L. Douglass)

The question was right—but it was asked for the sole reason that the priests and elders wanted to condemn and destroy this one who had challenged their power. They received

II. A Perfect Answer—with a Spiritual Impact (vv. 24-27)

Our Lord's question about their recognition of John was apropos, for in rejecting and destroying John they had

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refused to recognize divine authority. So they were caught on the horns of a dilemma.

Their answer placed them in a ridiculous position before the people, and enhanced the standing of Jesus. But it did far more than that; it classified them spiritually as rejecting the righteousness which John and Jesus declared.

Teachers must not fail to press home the awful part of rejecting Christ, and the impossibility of evading the personal decision regarding Him.

Having met their question with a question they dared not answer, our Lord followed through with another question of devastating import as He presented

III. A Pertinent Illustration and an Inevitable Choice (vv. 28-32)

One marvels at the ability of Jesus to open the door to spiritual truth with the simplest of human situations. He faced His listeners with the inescapable choice between the way of belief and the way of unbelief. The simple story of two boys responding to their father's command seemed to present no difficulty to His suspicious listeners—and they quickly gave Him the right answer to His question, only to find themselves completely trapped.

Publicans and sinners had rejoiced at the assurance that there was redemption for sin, while these self-sufficient leaders had condemned themselves by their unbelief.

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Two things come home to us as we read these verses. One is that no smoothly spoken words of acceptance of Christ will do if they have not resulted in obedience to Him. Genuine repentance and faith result in righteous life.

Then too, there is encouragement here for one who has rejected Christ and is now ready to return in repentance and faith to do His will. Even if you have said, "I will not," you may now come and say, "I will." Do it today!

March 24 Woes To Hypocrites

Matthew 23:13-15, 23-28, 37-39

MEMORY SELECTION: Take heed that you do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise you will have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.—Matthew 6:1

Gentle and kind, because He was the loving and righteous Son of God, our Lord Jesus could be majestically stern and sharp in His denunciation of spiritual hypocrisy. For the same reason His love for men was revealed in His concern that they must not delude themselves and others by a false face of outward spirituality. His righteousness could not

tolerate a profession of religiosity, and no reality in the heart.

This lesson will not be easy to teach, but it can be one of the most profitable experiences of the Sunday School year. We do not have the exact forms of hypocrisy of Jesus' day, but the principle is the same. There is still the evil life with the pious exterior, active church workers who indulge in "social" drinking, shrewd church officers who wear a different personality on Monday when "business is business," the young man or woman who cuts corners morally—to mention just a few. Let us deal plainly with hypocrisy today and get rid of our false faces!

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The lesson text cannot be organized into formal divisions so let us look at the six ways in which hypocrisy is exposed in our lesson text. Hypocrisy may be shown by

I. Spiritual Stubbornness (v. 13)

These Pharisees had set up a religious system which added tradition and the laws of men to the Word of God. They had found it to be very satisfactory because it gave them power, prestige—plus a very lucrative source of money. They were so entrenched that they would not move when they heard the truth, and by their reactionary attitude they kept others from going the right way. That still happens in our churches.

II. Greedy Oppression (v. 14)

The smooth, long prayer in public was a "front" for private oppression of widows and other needy ones who were under their care. No doubt it was all very regular and legal, which made it all the more despicable in God's sight.

III. Zealous Fanaticism (v. 15)

It seems that false philosophies have the most zealous leaders and the most active propagandists—one thinks at once of Communism as a good illustration. But there are also false religious sects in our day which are well described by this yerse.

IV. Narrow Legalism (v. 23)

According to Deuteronomy 14:23, the people were to present tithes of their corn, oil and flocks. But the Pharisees drove the commandment to the point where they required tithes of the little spice seeds, which were almost impossible to measure. This would not have been so bad had they not at the same time neglected the greater matters. They did what is figuratively described as straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel. What hypocrisy!

V. Spiritual Fraud (vv. 25-28)

Outwardly appearing to be righteous, with an inward life that was like the corruption inside a whited sepulcher—such is our Lord's description of these men. No wonder that they, in their spiritual blindness, hated Him.

We would stress here the important truth that Christian faith is a matter of the rightness and cleanness of the heart. All the outward manipulations and cleansings in the world will not make the heart right. But once a man's heart is





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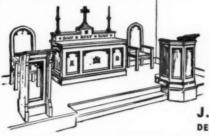
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VI. The Result—A House Left Desolate (vv. 37-39)

Our Lord's word of sorrowful farewell to His beloved Jerusalem reveals how reluctantly God brings judgment upon man. Yet how sure and how devastating His judgments are!

There are those who would have us talk of God's love and mercy, and pass over the truth of judgment. But the God of love is also the righteous God, and rejection of His love can only result in judgment. This is a solemn word for our

March 31 The Last Judgment Matthew 21:35-46

MEMORY SELECTION: And the King shall answer and say unto them. Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me .-Matthew 25:40

A great judgment scene is before us —majestic, solemn and stirring. But it is not the "last judgment," as our lesson title would indicate, for that is presented in the Revelation chapter 20, and is held at the Great White Throne.

In Matthew 25 we have the judgment of the nations (see v. 32) for their treatment of Christ's brethren (v. 40), the Jews (cf. Matt. 12:48-50). It is a judgment which is to take place here on earth when our Lord returns "in his glory and all the holy angels with him" (v. 31).

It may be well to make a somewhat broader application of this Scripture and let the general principles of judgment occupy our attention. So little is said or thought about the judgments of God that we may well emphasize this phase of truth. First we note that

I. Judgment Divides People (vv. 31-

The nations, when they appear before our glorious Lord, shall find themselves separated into two groups on the basis of their treatment of the brethren of Christ. One wonders if the leaders of the nations of the world remember that solemn fact.

We also note that God has drawn a line of division down through all humanity, dividing those who have rejected the authority of Christ from those who are His willing subjects.

Each one of us is on one or the other side of that line-saved or lost. That is the fact, even though not acceptable to much modern thinking.

No man established that division-God Himself did it, and He did it in love. It seems ilke a hard saying, but remember, it came from the lips of our loving, merciful Lord. It is because Jesus loved us enough to die for us that we may have redemption, there to stand on the right side of the line of judgment.

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the line (see John 3:16-21). We ask in His name: where do you stand?

II. Judgment Reveals Attitudes (vv. 34-45)

Our attitude toward God expresses itself in our attitude toward our fellowmen. In our lesson it is made clear that failure to do that which shows forth the love of God is ground for judgment of condemnation.

This is not because the art of kindness has merit in itself, but because it reflects our attitude of heart toward God and His Christ. Judgment thus reveals the heart of man, and indicates whether he is a child of God or a lost soul.

In our lesson the nations indicated as having no recollection of thus serving God find that as they have expressed love toward those in need they have actually been serving Him. It is a thought which is appropriate for our day when there is so much need.

A still more solemn fact faces us as we note that

III. Judgment Determines Destiny (v. 46)

Life eternal or everlasting judgment -which shall it be? That will be determined by God's final word of judgment; but let us remember that He judges on the basis of our attitude of heart and the manner in which we live on this side of the grave.

Now is for that matter actually a part of eternity, and we must be right with God and man now if we expect to be right throughout eternity. Eternal life begins now for the believer, at the very moment he believes in Christ. And the man who is lost is lost now, not sometime after death.

Teachers will recognize that to fail to face their class members with this solemn truth of judgment does them an awful disservice and jeopardizes their souls for eternity. How can we withhold from them the possibility of having eternal life today-and eternal joy in the presence of the Father?

April 7

Jesus Faces The Cross Matthew 26:26-29, 36-46

MEMORY SELECTION: O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.-Matthew 26:39

Our lesson for today brings us to one of those decisive events when men see the end of one age and the beginning of another. One wonders if the disciples realized that they shared in the last real observance of the Jewish Passoverwhich through centuries before had pointed forward to the cross-and also in the establishment of the great feast of the Christian church-which looks back to the cross, showing forth His death until He comes again.

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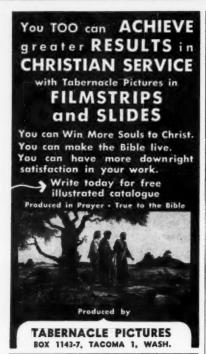
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I. Fellowship With His Disciples (vv. 26-29)

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As He fellowshiped with His disciples so He meets us at His table in this "new testament" or "covenant." where we renew our devotion and loyalty to Him.

He looked forward to the cross, and we find Him going that way as in the Garden of Gethsemane He experiences the depth of

II. Loneliness in Suffering (vv. 36-38, 40, 41, 43)

There were twelve disciples in the upper room-and one went out to betray Him to His enemies. Eleven came with Him to the gate of the garden-but only three entered with Him. Even the three could not go with Him all the way-and so we find Him alone!

He prayed and agonized alone, and in the hour of His deepest sorrow the three men, with whom He should have had some measure of fellowship and help, slept through the hour when He needed them most.

If the Master had to walk the way of surrender to God's will alone, should not we who follow Him expect times when we too may have to go through suffering and sorrow alone?

Now we see our Lord in the greatness

III. Self Denial and Surrende: (vv. 39, 42, 44)

Self denial is more than the giving up of some cherished luxury. It is, as our Lord clearly showed in the garden, a denial of self-will and a complete surrender to God's will. It was no easy or casual thing for our Lord to give Himself in complete obedience to God's plan and purpose.

He had always sought to do His Father's will, but now as the unspeakable horror of becoming "sin for us"

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swept over His soul it was an overwhelming experience. "All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me." And yet He said "Not as I will, but as Thou wilt!" An example for us!

All this would seem to be enough, but there was another bitter experience ahead; namely, His

IV. Shameful Betrayal (vv. 45, 46)

The Son of God was to be crucified in accordance with the Father's will, but the awful act was to be done by sinful men who chose to do it because of their evil hearts. Worst of all the betrayal was accomplished by one of His own disciples-who delivered Him up for a few paltry pieces of silver-and did it with a kiss!

How good it is to note that in this dark and dreadful hour He had

V. Fellowship with God the Father (vv. 39, 42)

He prayed, and the Father heard His cry and accepted the tremendous expres-

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sion of surrender to His will. We are reminded that in the loneliness of our suffering, in the time of betrayal and persecution, God is there to hear our prayers. What assurance and consolation that gives us as we follow our Lord in complete devotion to the will of God!

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MEMORY SELECTION: What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?-Matthew 27:22

Sharp contrast marks the two portions of today's lesson. We find our Lord in triumphant acclaim and then quickly facing the condemnation of the people. The two scenes are, however, in perfect unity, for stabbing through the acclaim was the hatred of the leaders, and in the hour of rejection there were those who loved Him even unto death.

We must all face the question of the twenty-second verse; as it was in April of 30 A.D. so it is in April of 1957 A.D. Some accept Him and praise Him; others reject Him, and thus take their places with those who hated Him.

The lesson breaks up into the two divisions indicated in the title. We see first

I. Jesus Praised (vv. 21:1-11)

Although it was not many days before the triumphant acclaim was drowned in the cruel cries of "Crucify Him!" it thrills us to note that on this first Palm Sunday morning—as Jesus presented Himself as the King of the Jews in accordance with the prophetic Scriptures (Zech. 9:9; see also chapters 12-14)there were shouts of "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

The recognition He received that day was both by deed and word, for we note first that He was praised

1. By obedience (vv. 1-7). The only requisition God should have to make to call forth man's immediate response is, "The Lord hath need." That should have absolute priority, and it should be our greatest delight that God does have need of us and our possessions.

It is good to observe, too, that the disciples did what He told them to do without question. "They went their way" (v. 4) to do what He commanded. How greatly we would simplify our lives and at the same time glorify them, if we would simply, quickly and without question obey Christ!

To obey our Lord, not only in the outstanding acts of consecration but in what might seem to be a menial errand-this is to praise Him with our deeds.

There were also enthusiastic words of praise as we see the people praising Him 2. By acclaim (vv. 8-11). The casting of palm branches and the spreading of their garments for Him to ride on culminated in the shouts of recognition of His Kingship. The "hosanna" (which, literally translated, means "Save now!") is actually a kind of holy "hurrah"-an expression of enthusiastic praise. Well, "The Answer to Our Church Music Problem!"...

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We wish we could stop with this scene of tumultuous praise, but by Friday of that same week there were other cries heard in the streets as we find

II. Jesus Condemned (vv. 27:20-26)

We have seen only a partial picture of the condemnation of our Lord which led very soon to His death on the cross. As Jesus stands before Pilate, condemned by false accusation and illegal trials, there comes an opportunity for His release. Pilate would have liked that way of escape, for he had found no wrong in

A prisoner was to be delivered to the people in recognition of the passover season. The choice was now given to them, whether to release a desperate rebel named Barabbas-or Jesus. The crowd chose Barabbas, for they had been stirred up by their leaders to condemn

1. By hatred (vv. 20-23). False witnesses had testified, the trial was but a mockery, and it all was inspired by the flaming hatred of those who could not tolerate the thought that they should be ruled over by our Lord.

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Men hate Him today. Their expressions of that hatred are more subtle, and they are covered over by smooth words; but they are still His enemies. Let us be on guard against them.

The crowd would not have prevailed, however, unless Pilate had betrayed

2. By cowardice (vv. 24-26). Afraid to follow his own convictions, and feeling that it was more expedient to yield to the demand of the rabble, Pilate sought to "wash his hands" of our Lord. It cannot be done. Pilate could not do it; neither can it be done in our day. We all must face the question of verse 22: What will you do with Jesus?

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MIKE Brown diminutive watch repairman in a small town in southern Chio, overheard the skeptic ask for a certain book on atheism.

"Oh, we don't have it," said the saleslady. "Ours is a Christian book store!"

"Will you order it for me?" asked the stranger.

"Definitely not! And you don't mean to tell me that you believe there isn't a God?"

"Definitely yes!" he replied. "I got over that superstition long ago!"

He looked at Mike. Mike smiled in return, and edged closer.

"I'm sorry, sir," he said kindly, addressing the unbeliever, "that you have never needed God. Now, when I was six, I was stricken with infantile paralysis. I heard the doctor telling my mother, 'Mike may never walk again.' They didn't know I overheard them, but I did. And I said in my heart, 'Mike, you'll walk again, if you have plenty of the right kind of faith in God.'"

Mike's voice was kind and low and convincing. The skeptic's eyes widened, and a strange look came into them, suggestive of his own pain and disappointments in life.

Mike spread two small hands, as he talked, showing his tiny but nimble wrists and fingers. He smiled at the stunned stranger.

The saleslady saw a look of incredulity, shock and belief registering on the skeptic's face as he listened.

Weeks later, partly from gratitude to Mike, the stranger came into Mike's shop and ordered a new gold case for his watch. Later the watch case would remind him of the cheerful cripple, and how his personal faith had brought him out of the shadow of tragedy into a meaningful, happy, useful life.

Mike's remark, "I'm sorry, sir, that you've never needed God, now I—" was unanswerable. A theologian might have "thrown the book" at the skeptic and tried in vain to prove the existence of God by the argument from design, or from the Scriptures or from some other viewpoint. Likely it would have been useless.

But Mike's simple, sincere, kindly witness to a real and workable faith in a God of healing and daily help was effective. It cured the atheist of his skepticism. In time, he became a Christian with a transformed life.

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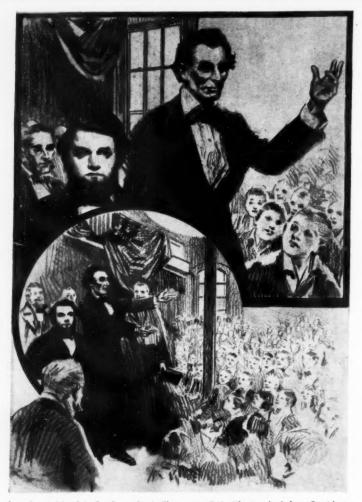
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At first glance it might appear strange that a man whose own formal education was painfully limited should have profound influence upon numerous prominent contemporaries. Yet this was the case with D. L. Moody. From the records come references to Moody's contact with many famous people in both the secular and religious worlds.

Among them were well-known educators, publishers and writers, and as many as four Presidents of the United States. Testimonies these men left indicate the tremendous impact of Moody's life and work as he boldly pressed the claims of Christ and the authority of the Word of God.

Clearly discernible was his influence on educators in our institutions of higher learning. Some of these schools are still producing Christian workers today. The fact that some have closed and others turned aside from the teaching of their founders in no wise takes away from the truth that Moody's influence through them was for a time keenly felt.

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Aside from the effect of his work in his own schools in Chicago and Northfield, Mass., and upon their leaders, Moody exerted influence in a number of other schools dedicated to the training of Christian leaders. In the Chicago area, one of his earnest supporters was Charles A. Blanchard. From the time the younger Blanchard went as principal of the preparatory department of the then small Wheaton College twenty-five miles west of Chicago, their paths crossed frequently. In fact, Blanchard held the office of president of the Sabbath Association of Illinois, an organization in which Moody had worked vigorously a decade

In 1874 Blanchard became professor of English literature and language in Wheaton College, then went on to become its vice-president in 1878, and four years later president. In this position forty-three years, Blanchard served well not only the college, but all evangelicalism. Today Wheaton College, with its more than 1700 students, wields an exemplary influence in the circles of evangelical higher education.

Other college presidents felt the influence of Moody's ministry. Among them was Adoniram Judson Gordon, who in turn made his mark on Moody. Gordon was not only Moody's right hand man when the great evangelist held meetings in Boston, but he took new and greater responsibility in directing the Northfield Summer Conferences in 1892 when Moody was abroad, and in 1893 when he was busy with the Chicago World's



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Another was Princeton's Francis L. Patton. Patton. six years Moody's junior. was pastor of the Jefferson Park Church in Chicago from 1874 to 1881, during the years that young Moody was coming into his prime. In 1878 he was a staunch supporter of Moody at the time of the evangelist's return from England. Three years later Patton went to teach at Princeton Theological Seminary, went on to become president of the university in 1888, and president of its seminary in

who, although he had no academic education, was one of the greatest powers for winning souls to Christ and uplifting his fellowmen."

Meetings at the university during Moody's visit there in 1876 brought about one of the greatest religious awakenings ever experienced in the history of Princeton.

Russell H. Conwell was another young man six years Moody's junior who found in the evangelist a great source of inspiration and godly influence. In 1888, just the time Moody was getting his new schools on their feet, Conwell was founding Temple University in Philadelphia. In his earlier days, Conwell was, he later testified, a part of Moody's audiences "containing the best of the graduates from every part of the country [who] listened with rapt attention to his

About this time Patton noted, "By the + NORTHWESTERN University's president,

death of Mr. Moody the world lost a man Charles H. Fowler, was one educatoradmirer of Moody who was just Moody's age. For eleven years as pastor in Chicago churches, Fowler watched, then encouraged Moody in his work there. In 1876 he left the university to become editor of the widely read Christian Advocate. Elected eight years later a bishop of his church, Fowler became one of the founders of Nebraska Wesleyan University, and visiting China in 1888, founded universities in Peking and Nanking.

> That he was greatly influenced by Moody's life is evidenced in Fowler's introduction to the life of Moody by Daniels in which he listed eight "grand results of Mr. Moody's work.'

> H. G. Weston, for many years president of Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pa., commenting on Moody's ability to enlist persons of gifts and abilities, said it was "one of the greatest pleasures of his life to have known and studied and worked under Moody."

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influence. From the time of Moody's New Haven campaign in the spring of 1878, President Porter of Yale was one of Moody's strongest admirers. Not only did Porter co-operate in the New Haven campaign, along with many members of the Yale faculty, but he thereafter invited Moody each year to address the chapel exercises at the college.

Later in 1878, in response to a petition signed by 500 students, Moody was invited to address them on behalf of Christ. For the next several years Yale's delegation at the Northfield Conference was the largest.

A number of secular schools also owe some of their existence and prosperity to this great evangelist-educator. Henry F. Durant, founder and first president of Wellesley College in 1875, himself an ardent Bible student and evangelist in New England, became a fast friend of Moody's. Another was Phillip G. Gillett, president of the Indiana Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, who had worked with Moody in the Illinois State Sunday School Convention.

In addition, many faculty members also came under the influence of Moody's ministry, among them William Lyons Phelps and George Adam Smith of Yale and Francis F. Peabody, dean of Harvard Divinity School. The lives of these teachers as well as college presidents were important links in the great evangelist's chain of influence, greatly extending the impact of Moody's ministry.

→ OTHER prominent contemporaries through whom Moody's influence reached inestimable numbers were writers and publishers of his day, among them, those whose works are listed in the box on page 67.

There were Edward Eggleston and B. Jacobs, two of Moody's earliest friends who worked enthusiastically with him in the establishing of Sunday schools throughout Illinois. Also among them were G. P. Gifford and L. W. Munhall, two editors much used by Moody in his World's Fair campaign. Three other editor friends who felt a telling influence were Arthur T. Pierson, Amos R. Wells and J. M. Buckely.

Of Moody, Pierson said, "No man who has been associated with him in Christian work has not seen that there is but one way to live, and that way is to live wholly for God."

Four of Moody's closest friends upon whom he made extraordinary impressions have in turn wielded a far-reaching influence that persists today. They are Moody's brother-in-law, Fleming H. Revell; Reuben A. Torrey, who served as superintendent of the Moody Bible Institute for nineteen years; Henry Clay Trumbull, associated with Moody in the 1878 Baltimore campaign and C. I. Scofield, pastor of Moody's church in

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→ The full effect of the evangelist's meetings with presidents of the United States is difficult to ascertain from the evidence. But that his testimony and ministry did at least touch the lives of three or four of our presidents, among them the beloved Lincoln, is in itself significant.

Moody, just twenty-three years old in 1860, was among the throngs welcoming Lincoln's nomination for the presidency in the Wigwam erected in Chicago for the Republican Convention. Imagine Moody's surprise when later the same year, on November 25, the newly elected president walked into his North Market Sunday school!

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After watching young Moody at work with his more than one thousand youngsters from Chicago's North Side, Lincoln addressed the school briefly. He expressed his pleasure in being with them, and admonished the pupils to govern their lives according to the precepts they learned from their study of the Bible.

Almost sixteen years later to the day, President Ulysses Grant and his staff took time out from a busy schedule to watch Moody in action in his great Philadelphia campaign.

While we have no account of President McKinley's ever having met Moody or watched him in action, it seems somewhat probable that he did from McKinley's subsequent testimony to Moody's son. The occasion was one day when the latter called at the White House to renew an invitation previously given by his father for the president to visit Northfield

Your father was a great man," Mc-Kinley said.

'He certainly was a good man," admitted Moody's son.

"Yes," continued President McKinley reflectively, "he was a good man and he was also great. Greatness and goodness is a rare combination."

President Woodrow Wilson, on the other hand, spoke of a definite meeting with Moody, albeit a chance meeting in a barber shop. Despite the mundane setting. Wilson later observed that he had in reality attended an evangelistic

It was perhaps this quality of living wholly for God whatever the circumstances and wherever the place which more than any other made Moody's influence linger long after he was gone. Usually the effect of the contact was the same, whether the person was one of Moody's Sunday school youngsters or the highest official of the land.

That day in the barber shop Wilson purposely lingered after Moody's departure. As the barbers talked in undertones, he noted the awe-inspiring effect of the stranger's visit upon them. Later he said, "My admiration and esteem for Mr. Moody was very deep indeed." And in humbleness Woodrow Wilson acknowledged that he left that barber shop as he would have left a place of wor-

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Reviewed by Charles F. Pfeiffer

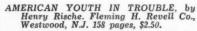
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heart and spirit before the throne in utter surrender." We are reminded that "the object of all true praying . . . is not to bend the will of God to mine, but to get my will in line with His."

Those who wish a book to tell them how to get things from God will be disappointed in this one. Those who desire a closer walk with the Lord will find here that scriptural stimulus which will cause them to exclaim afresh, "Lord, teach us to pray!"



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at the close of the war was that of Jeremiah. "Oh Lord, thou hast seen my wrong, judge thou my cause." M.K.A.

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Along with these are lectures by missionary staff members on such subjects as human temperament and human relations, practical messages from God's Word and lessons based on missionary experience. "Graduates" of the Detroit center, for example, look back with thankfulness on lectures by General Director R. E. Thompson on "The Challenge of the First Term of Service-Triumph or Tragedy?" "The Importance of Attitudes," "The Preciousness of Peaceful Relationships" and "The Home on the Field-Life in a Fishbowl."

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The missionary candidate's schedule is well filled. Rising not later than 6:30 A.M., he will begin the day with his personal quiet time followed by breakfast. By 9:00 he will be at the church, where for an hour and a half he will be busy with counseling with the pastor, personal Bible study, office work and, in some cases, janitorial details. From 10:30 until noon and again from 1:00 to 5:00 he will canvass or call on prepared contacts. Some days he may teach home Bible classes or counsel with young people.

Most evenings he will be occupied from 7:00 to 10:00, either attending church meetings, calling in homes to reach husbands and wives together, following up new converts by means of individual weekly sessions in the homes or counseling with "Timothys."

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Begun in 1953, the Inter-Mission Candidate Training Program, recently re-named Missionary Internship, Inc., has in four years enrolled 210 candidates from twenty-four mission boards. More than half of these candidates are now on the mission field. Both they and mission officials express appreciation for the guidance and experience provided by the

"This was the most profitable [period] of my life," declares one of the missionary couples now on the field. "To have

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gone to a foreign field without such training would doubtless have meant failure for us.'

A mission superintendent of many years' experience adds, "Your program . . . has certainly made a difference in the missionaries who have come to the field. Their spirit and understanding of missionary work are greatly improved."

+ Today the missionary internship program is being carried on from two centers, the original center in Detroit and a similar center in Chicago. Working in co-operation with a selected group of churches, each center carries on under the direction of an experienced missionary on loan from one of the co-operating mission boards and a full-time representa-

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By Harry Oldenburger

its director. R. E. Thompson, a veteran of thirty years' service in China under the China Inland Mission, served during World War II as CIM's Northern Regional Director. Traveling in every province in China but one, he had an unusual opportunity to observe missionaries and their needs on the field. Later, after the door to China closed, Mr. Thompson became personnel secretary with the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade with responsibility for training candidates of that mission. His increasing burden for a comprehensive internship program led in 1953 to creation of the present organization.

The first year thirty candidates from five mission boards were brought together for six months' on-the-job training. Today nearly all of these thirty candidates are on foreign soil.

The following year an even larger group representing ten mission boards were placed in twenty-five Detroit churches. At the close of the seven-month period the staff was rejoicing over more than 200 reported conversions, the majority from home visitation; more than 200 church members had received specific instruction; and more than 100 "Timothys" had received individual training as potential leaders.

Meanwhile, there was evidence that the experience was proving invaluable to the candidates themselves. Said one candidate for work in the Philippines. "The training period has helped me organize my daily routine and devotional life; I feel more at ease in leading an individual to the Lord."

The Chicago branch was begun during 1954-55 at the instigation of a group of pastors in that city. The Detroit center had been staffed by Director Thompson, on loan from the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade, and Bill Fletcher, formerly in charge of Navigator work in England. Now a leader for the Chicago work was found in veteran missionary Frank Longman, loaned by Africa Inland Mission. Navigator Bob Malcolm became his assistant, succeeded later by Jim Murk, Navigators' recently appointed supervisor for the Chicago area.

During the past few months the program has been further strengthened by the addition of Dr. Henry Brandt, clinical psychologist, to the staff. Dr. Brandt is developing a testing program to further analyze the needs of missionary training candidates. He also lectures on personal counseling at both the Chicago and Detroit centers. At the same time a five-year research program has been instituted enabling the organization to keep in touch with trainees after they reach the field.

Meanwhile, as leaders point out, Missionary Internship, Inc., has already shown its ability to meet the needs of three different groups in a striking way.

Pirst, it has shown that it can help candidates develop into better missionary workers, giving them opportunity to learn and apply spiritual and practical principles of living and working with others.

Second, the program has shown that it can be most valuable in helping mission boards decide which applicants should be approved for service on the field. The seven-month period



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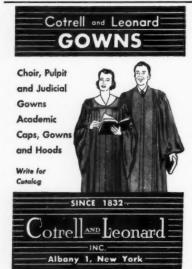








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of internship provides opportunity to observe, to counsel and to develop. Candidates receive many hours of personal help and the benefit of special assignments and experience to help overcome weaknesses which may be noted.

Third, the program has shown that it can provide important help to co-operating churches. One church reports that a single candidate led more than fifty persons to the Lord during his period of training. Another church indicates that follow-up work done by trainees has virtually halted a 50 per cent loss of converts who made decisions but did not go on in the Christian life. Still another pastor writes of having visitation work by trainees bring thirty-three persons out to church on a single Sunday. These, of course, are specific benefits in addition to the overall usefulness of trainees in the church program and the increase in missionary interest generally in cooperating churches.

Important as these things are-and the Missionary Internship staff thanks God for them all-their greatest rejoicing is over the indication that the program is having important effects on the mission field. There is the story, for example, of the school teacher who came to the training period as a quiet, reserved person, fearful of meeting people and afraid of failure. She had a sincere desire to serve the Lord but had many doubts that she could.

Through much counseling and being thrust out among people, her confidence was first of all established in the Lord. She found she could help people, that she could get something from the Word of God for herself and for others. As she became settled in her devotional life and developed a ministry, her face became radiant. In six months she was a different person. Today she is on her way to Japan.

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Hungarian Example

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"We believed so much in our cause we would have died for it!"

What an attitude to have toward something you believe in!

Do you believe in anything enough to die for it? Take the most important "belief" in your life, for example. Is your belief in Christ as strong as the young Hungarian's belief in his cause?

Remember, his faith was not simply strong enough to tell others of it . . . to work for it . . . or to live for it . . . but actually to give his life for it. And these are not historical accounts of martyrs of another day. These are today's young people, born when you were born.

Living here in America, in the midst of freedom it is hard to imagine dying for our belief in Christianity. Perhaps that has something to do with the matter-of-fact, luke-warm attitude many of us seem to have toward our faith. But the important thing is not whether we will ever have to face that crisis but whether our Christian faith is of that caliber.

As a young person, your faith is tested daily. How much it means to you is proved by the way you speak up when the opportunity is there, and by how firmly you live up to the convictions you know are right for you. Is your faith of the caliber that faces up to these situations and gains victory? Do you know of any young people who do make the grade? How do they do it?

We might ask them, "What is it that enables you to live such a courageous Christian life?"

Here the answer—like that of the young Hungarian—would have to do with strong belief, but it would be based differently. For the young Christian would find the truth of his convictions and the source of his strength in Bible passages like these:

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (I Cor. 16:13).
"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit" (Gal. 5:25).

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21).

And his answer might be summed up in the words of Paul: "In conclusion, be strong—not in yourselves but in the Lord, in the power of His boundless resource. Put on God's complete armour so that you can successfully resist all of the devil's methods of attack" (Eph. 6:10, 11 Phillips translation).

The conflict we wage and the enemy we face are far more deadly than those faced by the Hungarian boy. The need for courageous fighters is acute. Young Christians today face a real challenge to get into the front lines and leave their mark for their cause. Many of them are doing it. How about you?

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By JACK DANIEL



Last conference of its kind! Something new in the way of promotion for a youth conference comes from the headquarters of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. They are publicizing the Last Young People's Luther League Convention, to be held in Missoula, Mont., in July.

Reason for the unique tag on the conclave is that after 1960, when the next international convention rolls around, the ELC will have joined a merger of Lutheran church groups and a new youth name will be chosen and a new type of conference. This last one will be a whopper, though! Expected registration is 9,000, all but 1400 of whom will be high-schoolers.

* Copenhagen, Denmark will be the scene of Youth for Christ's Ninth World Congress on Evangelism, a switch from Frankfurt, Germany, because of a conflict of dates with the German state church. This will be the second of the congresses that is teen-slanted. Caracas, Venezuela, hosted the 1956 meeting.

Teen-agers from America will join their contemporaries on the continent for a week of intensive training and prayer. Sessions will be held on youth methods, Bible quizzing, in addition to teen participation in nightly meetings throughout the city and campaigns following the congress.

- * Teen teams of talent winners and Bible quizzers from stateside YFC high school Bible clubs will join European high-schoolers for special evangelistic endeavors in West Germany, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Belgium and Northern France. YFC's "Mr. High School" Jack Hamilton and his right hand man, Wendy Collins, look forward to the Copenhagen congress opening up the whole continent to the high school campus ministry.
- * "You Can't Win Without Christ" was the provocative gospel slogan that hit Olympic participants and the hordes of spectators right in the eye during the Melbourne Olympic games. The posters were a phase of the Open Air Campaigners ministry to Melbourne visitors. Mobile cinemas showed gospel films wherever crowds congregated. Tracts and booklets by the thousands were distributed to an audience as consmopolitan as any group ever witnessed to.

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In-laws are wonderful . . .

but don't

live with them!

EANNE and Roger faced the problem that faces all newlyweds. "Where shall we live?" They were married during a war period and as he was in the armed services, it seemed simplest to live with her parents. All were Christians and all had the best of intentions, but of course they all had normal human emotions, too.

One day when on furlough, Roger came home very tired. He lay down on the living room divan and fell asleep. The mother-in-law, shocked at this evident lack of appreciation of her daughter, slurred, "You wouldn't think he'd go to sleep the minute he comes home, especially when you've been married such a short time!"

Before this remark, Jeanne had been sorry for Roger and his weariness, but now she began to feel sorry for herself. So she shook Roger and awakened him. Reacting like most males when awakened unexpectantly, Roger was cross and spoke to her in a harsh tone of voice.

Jeanne began to cry. Her mother sympathized with her. A heated conversation followed, the climax of which was that the mother-in-law offered to pay for the divorce.

By the very next morning, the young people had "made it up"; it was six months before Roger's mother-in-law forgave him. All this time Jeanne was unhappy, torn between her love for her mother and her love for her husband. Meanwhile, she moved—to a room nearer the army base.

Four Is a Crowd

By Dorothy C. Haskin

The moral is this: don't live with your in-laws—either set of them! Marriage is not a firm; it is a partnership. You cannot "be yourself" when you are conscious that someone is continually watching and measuring you. And parents who have loved and cared for you from the cradle are seldom unbiased in their judgment of either you or your mate.

Moreover, words and actions that are quickly forgiven by those who love each other assume major proportions to the third party.

When marriage was instituted the rule was given, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). When discussing marriage, the Lord Jesus repeated this instruction (Matt. 19:5). Scripture was inspired by the Holy Spirit who understands human nature. His instructions must be trusted and obeyed if young people would find lasting happiness.

If, however, circumstances are such that they absolutely must live with one set of parents and there is a choice, they should live with the parents of the girl. The reason for this is that even if the wife works she will be doing some of the housework. Every woman has her own way of doing things, and it is easier for the girl to do the work as her mother taught her than to learn a new way of doing things. And since the man does less work around the house it is more important that the two women get along.

When living with your in-laws, as far as possible pay your own way. Even the most generous of parents have long memories of how much they have done for you. At least, pay for the food you eat. But remember, too, there is the electric light bill to pay, the gas bill, the water bill and if not rent at least taxes and house upkeep. Each extra person means a little more of everything. Do your share. "For every man shall bear his own burden" (Gal. 6:5).

The bride, even if she works away from home, should keep her own room clean, wash hers and her husband's personal clothes, and do such helpful tasks as peeling potatoes and washing the dishes. If she doesn't, her mother or mother-in-law will chafe under the extra burden. If she does, her mother-in-law is far more apt to enjoy her stay.

The groom, likewise, should take over such jobs as mowing the lawn, raking the leaves, bringing in the firewood and painting the garage. He may not enjoy doing these tasks, but they have to be done, and "It is good for a man that he

bear the yoke in his youth" (Lam. 3:27). The earlier he learns to do these things the easier they are. And it will be most appreciated by his father-in-law. He'll pat him on the back and mean it when he says, "T've got a fine son-in-law."

Nevertheless, a young married couple should live by themselves, in a room if necessary, in a trailer, in an apartment over a garage—anywhere so long as they can be alone.

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Even then they'll have problems, of course. In many cases each set of in-laws, without consideration of the other in-laws, will want them to spend holidays and birthdays with them. The young people should frankly discuss how these times should be divided so as to balance the holidays (and a Sunday each month) they spend at each home, making the division as evenly as possible.

Sometimes a bride has a mother-inlaw with whom she cannot get along. Barbara's mother-in-law, for example, was full of self-pity. She was always ailing, demanding service from her husband and children, and she was jealous of Barbara's "taking my son away from me."

At first, Barbara pointed out George's mother's faults to him. That made him defensive. He loved his mother and hotly insisted that Barbara was critical. Next, Barbara tried staying home, letting him go alone to visit his mother. Consequently, Mrs. Mother-in-law began making [Continued on page 92]

Marriage is not a company but a partnership.



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WANTED—Your Help

Some straight talk to Christian young people on delinquency

By GORDON R. McLEAN

Director, Voice of Christian Youth for Tacoma and Southwest Washington.

of Christian young people who are doing a fine job in school and in church. The closest you have ever come to trouble with the law is to read some of the episodes involving delinquent young people. And you've stopped and wondered just why such things happen.

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But they do happen. The average age of criminals arrested in this country is eighteen. Over half the car thefts and crimes against property are committed by teen-agers.

Some of you have thought about this problem, but maybe you too should get concerned about it. Let me tell you what I mean.

Not long ago a fellow we'll call Jerry escaped from a state training school for boys. Taking off wasn't hard. There was no fence around the school and all he had to do was wait for darkness, sneak out of the cottage where he and twenty other boys were housed, pick up a car in which someone had carelessly left the keys, and he was gone. But where? He headed for his home town.

But he couldn't go home; the police would be sure to look for him there. Finally, he hit upon the idea of hiding out with a buddy, whom we'll call Bill. It was Bill who had been in trouble with Jerry, but as it had been Bill's first time and Jerry had had a long record Bill was released to his parents while Jerry was committed to the institution.

After a long, hectic, sleepless night, Jerry left the stolen car at the edge of town and waited around Bill's house till the latter left for school. Bill was surprised to see him but suggested they get alone for a visit. Jerry explained he was hiding out and appealed for help.

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"I can't do it," replied Bill. "I've squared myself and I'm not getting into any more trouble."

"That's a fine way to treat a buddy!" was Jerry's angry reply.

"Let me explain, Jerry. Then I think you'll know what I mean."

Then he told Jerry that he had been pretty scared even though he had gotten off with probation, but that the scare wouldn't have kept him on the right track very long, and he would have ended up, very likely, by drifting back with the old gang. Most of the kids at the high school had known about his trouble, of course, and many of the good kids wanted little to do with him. That is, all except Dick—and Bill proceeded to

tell Jerry just how Dick was different.
Dick was a junior, an up-and-coming
football player and a Bible club leader.
After English class one day, he turned
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to Bill, who sat in the next seat, and invited him to come along to club's noon meeting that day in the music room. Bill wasn't exactly sure of what he was getting into or even why, but he decided to

give it a try.

It was all new to Bill. Everybody in his crowd at school were accustomed to drinking, carousing around and getting into trouble. At the Bible club, Bill met a gang that was different but sharp, and they took seriously the songs and Bible talks they heard. The result was, in a few weeks Bible-clubber Dick led a buddy to Christ—and it was Bill.

He had found a whole new way of life, and he liked it . . . the club, the church and a good time with the Christian kids. Pretty soon, he was away from the old crowd and all they stood for and was mighty glad of it. It was then that Jerry showed up.

Bill went on to talk straight to his former "partner in crime." While Jerry didn't quite understand or even agree with all Bill said, he had to admit if only to himself that a lot of it made sense. Bill told Jerry there was no point in trying to run away from a problem, that getting deeper into trouble could only get a guy in the state prison, and that the sooner he straightened out the better.

"Even if I wanted to stay out of trouble, how can I do it?" queried Jerry, who

Many a boy is in prison because no one cared but the gang on the corner.



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by now was not only amazed but interested in what his pal was saying. "Turning over a new leaf isn't in my line!"

"Turning over a new leaf won't answer the problem," Bill answered, "but finding a new life in Christ will."

The two boys talked for a long time—Bill missing most of school that morning. But the more Bill talked, the more Jerry listened. Bill wasn't a fancy speaker and he didn't claim to know all the answers, but there was no mistaking the change in his life—or his sincerity.

Then Jerry raised an interesting point. "Even if I did become a Christian like you say, what will happen when I get released? All the kids I know have been in trouble and they'd think I'd really flipped if I started going to church. I'm not sure I could make it."

"Listen, Jerry, you come home and try to do the best you can and you can count on Dick and me and all the kids in the Bible Club to give you all the backing we can. The choice is yours. You can keep on running and wind up in a real mess or you can start making a few right decisions now."

If anyone else had spoken to Jerry that way, he'd have laughed it off as just more fancy speeches, but coming from Bill he listened. He thought for a long time and finally asked, "What do you suggest I do now?"

"Go on back to the training school."

That was a mighty distasteful thought. Jerry wanted to be out, and no matter how hard the staff tried to make something of the place it was still an institution and he was tired of being locked up. On the other hand, Jerry knew Bill was right—if he was ever going to straighten out, it had to be now.

For fully three minutes Jerry remained silent, head down, wrestling with his problem, while Bill stood by, patient, welting

At last Jerry raised his head and looked at his friend.

"Bill, you go on to school. I've got to think this out. I'll let you know what I decide."

Bill left, and Jerry thought some more. A few hours before he hadn't wanted to straighten out and wouldn't have known how to do it if he had wanted to. Now he knew how, and all at once it seemed like a good idea. But he had to weigh it all through.

Finally he made his choice. He went over to a nearby grocery store, asked to use the phone, and placed a call.

"Operator, I'd like to place a collect call to the State Training School for Boys . . ."

Jerry went back.

→ That wasn't the end. Jerry needed and got the help from the Christian kids. He was out in a few months, got into the Bible Club with Bill and Dick, and at last report was getting along fine. A Christian buddy had done what all the officials, police, and institutions could never do.

Can kids like Jerry be reached and helped? The answer is "yes" and as in his case it's a real challenge to Christian kids. We've got some 200 teen-age fellows here (this is being written in the office of Chaplain Carl Gelder at Green Hill, Washington's State Training School, which we modestly consider to be one of the best in the nation), and we've run across very few who wouldn't have responded and might not yet respond to some Christian interest.

Why do most of these kids get in trouble? Many of them are here because they failed to find the acceptance, security and understanding they needed at home. So they looked for it in a gang on the street corner. From there, with little or no constructive guidance, they found it an all-too-easy step to trouble and, eventually, here.

You might be interested to know that many of the fellows respond well to our chapel programs, and a good many have made decisions for Christ even in recent weeks. When the boys are released, our field staff will do all they can to help them. But that's not all the answer, and we and the kids know it.

A heart-sick case worker said, "I'd like to send Johnny home, but if he goes back to a home where his parents are drunk half the time and don't care what he does, you know what will happen. He'll be right back at it unless someone can work with him."

And a boy comments very frankly to the chaplain, "I've made a profession of faith in the Lord here, but I don't know about when I get home. Nobody at our house ever went to church and none of the kids I run with do. Sure, I'd like to get in with some good church kids. But how?"

If you're a Christian teen-ager, why don't you give us some of the answers? Could it be that you and your Christian friends have been like all too many Christians—a closed circle clique interested only in yourselves? To borrow a phrase from Jack Hamilton of YFC Clubs, "I believe in only one kind of CLICK—Christ Living in Christian Kids." Why not open up your circle and make room for some kids who need your friendship and your faith?

Your influence on a lonely or discouraged boy (and most delinquents, under a harsh surface, are both) could perhaps stop him from having to turn to the gang and to trouble for his satisfaction. No need to compromise your convictions. Just mix a genuine Christian love with a friendly personality; the combination can work miracles.

Friendship you can provide. You can also invite the boy you're trying to win to church—you may be able to get him and his whole family. Activities are needed, too; be sure to invite him in on the doings at the club and the church.

That's what we mean when we say Christian kids ought to be concerned about the youth problem. You—living your faith in a sharp, simple way—can often do more to straighten a buddy out than all the institutions and experts put together.

While you're at it, you might win a few more fellows like Bill and Jerry to the Lord. Do that, and you'll not only help us—you'll put us out of business!

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He's only one in a million to be inducted into military service this year—but he's VIP to you and you're going to miss him. United Press

BUILD A BRIDGE!

By Catharine Brandt

When the service takes your man it leaves a gap. It's how you span it that counts.

s there a man in your life? One between the ages of 18 and 26? Then better make up your mind that you'll be on the waiting end sooner or later! Not long ago the United Press reported that about 1,200,000 youths would come of military age within the year. The report went on to say that about only onefifth of this number will be disqualified on physical, mental or moral grounds, leaving nearly a million men fit for duty. Not all of these will be needed to satisfy the 1957 draft quota, but all can expect

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If the man in your life-whether he is friend, sweetheart or husband-happens to be one of these, you'll find his departure for basic training leaving a gap in your life that you'll have to get over somehow. And how you do it will make all the difference.

to be called before age 26.

You can fill that gap with idleness, self-pity, selfishness and loneliness. Or you can build a bridge!

Of course you'll be lonely. But feeling sorry for yourself won't help. Take Dorothy and Gregg, for example. They were engaged. They went to the same church. sang in the choir. Before his induction the young people had a farewell party for him.

The first day after he left for basic training, Dorothy felt as though she was in mourning. Her feet seemed to be shackled and her head ached. The hands on her watch almost stood still. All she could think of was, "Gregg is gone!"

for choir practice, so she stayed home and played the piano-all the favorite songs they had sung and enjoyed together. After working herself into a high emotional pitch she went to bed and cried herself to sleep.

Sounds rather silly, doesn't it? Especially if you don't have a man in the service yourself. But if you do, and you too have been tempted to fill the gap with self-pity, you know how easy it is to react just like Dorothy.

She would have fared far better singing herself hoarse at choir practice, baking a batch of cookies for her flance, and writing him a cheerful letter. That's bridge-building!

How will you build your bridge?

Before he left for the Armed Forces you were used to a pattern of lifeshared experiences, dates, or a home of your own. Now, all of a sudden one morning you awake, and you're standing on the brink of a canyon—the biggest hole you've ever known. Nobody ever told you it would be like this. That you would stumble, not seeing your way across the

If you know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, you have an advantage over girls who don't. In that case you don't have to see your way across any difficulty, no matter how wide or deep. You just trust Him to make the way clear, one day at a time.

A century ago Dante Rossetti wrote a

When evening came she had no heart sonnet called "Lost Days." In it he suggests that each day we live is a part of one's self and that sometime we may see the days we've squandered, "each a murdered self."

> Regret for lost days can never be if we commit each day to God and live that day in His strength.

> The Bible that encourages us with "My grace is sufficient for thee" (II Cor. 12:9) also admonishes us to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 3:18). God will show us how to cross any gap of time we encounter as Christians, but the building of the bridge is up to us.

> The first span in that bridge is anchored to that which is omnipotent. Make sure first of all that you want God's will for your life.

> You can do this only by earnest prayer, Bible study and dedication-growing in grace and the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you've never taken a Bible course or studied the Bible intensively, now's the time. Begin with one of the introductory courses. Then go on to something that requires deeper think-

One young woman whose husband was stationed across the sea used her evenings to study a Sunday school teachers' training course. Later she taught a teachers' training class in her church, to the great gratitude of the minister and her own enrichment as well as that of the

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From Dreams to Brass Tacks

(More on the Labor Day Retreat)

By Virginia Newitt

HANDSOME folder of heavy white paper is before me just now, and in bold black letters on the cover I read, "Life with a Purpose." Inside is a roster of activities for three exciting, interestfilled days. It is a program for just such a Labor Day outing as we have been planning. Last month we outlined ways for you to get started on yours. This month we will get down to brass tacks.

In choosing a camp, the camp committee should make as many contacts as possible. These may be made through your pastor, Christian business friends, Christian organizations, Boy or Girl Scouts, or the YMCA or YWCA.

Investigate each camp. Consider-accessibility, size, price, ethical and moral tone of the camp and its directors. While you will have the camp to yourselves for the week end, renting from unscrupulous people could be a bad practice. Ascertain what the camp does or does not provide. List carefully all camp-owned equipment. Visit the camp of your choice several times to acquaint yourselves with its every possibility or shortcoming.

In setting the price per person for the week end, consider camp rental, food costs, supplies, incidental expenses as game prizes, etc. Included also will be the expenses of those who will not be paying-such as your speaker, the cooks and any other special guests. Keep the list of non-paying people as short as possible and try to avoid misunderstanding as to who pays.

If all these things are balanced over against the number of people you expect to attend, you can arrive at a fair price. Since transportation is usually 'volunteer" this doesn't enter in.

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Talk it up big among the gang, generate enthusiasm. If your group is very small, invite the young people from another church to attend.

The program chairman and the four committee heads must now plan in detail for two and a half days (Saturday, Sunday, Monday till noon). Each gathering should be complete in itself with no loose ends, yet they should fit together as a whole.

First secure a speaker, one with lots of youth appeal, who will bring the three main messages-Sunday morning and night and Monday morning. Tell him your chosen theme and a little of your aims and goals for the week end. Additional speakers for things like panel discussions and devotional periods could be from your own gang, one of your counselors, perhaps a returned missionary or your pastor.

Be sure to appoint leaders for cabin devotions at bedtime and MC's for each meeting. Ask ahead of time those whom you want to lead in prayer or say grace or give testimonies. This is just another way of saying "plan carefully."

The music chairman will, of course, secure song leaders and pianists, and special numbers, either vocal or instrumental, for all the meetings.

The novelty and entertainment chairman has charge of campfires, hikes, stunt programs and the like.

The sports chairman will co-ordinate all games, tournaments, races or whatever else emanates from his fertile brain.

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The food committee should get several moms who will not only be willing to cook, but market, figure quantities and costs and other contingencies. Meals should be planned, beginning with Saturday lunch and continuing through Monday lunch plus snacks for both Saturday and Sunday nights. If you have any connections through which you can buy wholesale, don't neglect the chance to save yourself some money.

The arrangements committee will take reservations, secure drivers and arrange transportation for everyone as well as for the food and supplies and equipment. This committee will fill in wherever needed.

Here's a sample program to give you a little momentum in planning your own.

SATURDAY

- 10:00 A.M. Registration. Group games, mixers, swimming, boating, table tennis, badminton, volley ball.
- 12:30 P.M. Lunch 1:30 P.M.
- Softball game. Canoe races, swim races, tournaments in ping pong, tennis, badminton, horseshoes, egg throwing. Prizes! In charge: Sports committee.
- Supper. 5:30 P.M.
- Social hour. Songs, stunts and foolishness! In charge: Eddie N. 7:00 P.M.
- Evening meeting. In charge: Bob G. Panel discussion.
- 10:00 P.M. Campfire and snack. In charge: Carol and Howie.
- 11:00 P.M. Cabin devotions.

SUNDAY

- 7.00 A.M. Morning devotions on lawn. Our
- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast.
- 9.00 A.M. Quiet time. Read II Timothy 2.
- Bible study and discussion—II Timothy 2. In charge: Alice, Helen and George. 9:30 A.M.
- 10:45 A.M. Morning service at Hometown Bible Church. Main Speaker.
- 12:30 P.M. Dinner.

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- 1:30 P.M. Group photograph.
- 2:00 P.M. Fellowship on the lawn. In charge: Jane and Bob.
- Hike around the lake. Led by Johnny and Dick. 4:00 P.M.
- 5:30 р.м. Supper.
- 7:00 P.M. Social hour, games and songs. In charge: Bob G.
- Evening meeting. In charge: Eddie N. Main Speaker.
- 10:00 P.M. Snack and campfire. In charge: Carol and Howie.
- 11:00 P.M. Cabin devotions.

MONDAY

- 7:00 A.M. Morning devotions on the lawn. Our pastor.
- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast.
- 9:00 A.M. Quiet time. Morning meeting. In charge: Bob G. Main Speaker. 9:30 A.M.
- Recreational period, swimming, boating, ball. 10:30 A.M.
- 12:30 P.M. Dinner

Afternoon-free time.

Include in your prepared program the few "suggestions" (we won't say "rules") for conduct that we mentioned last month, any acknowledgements, and if you wish something in the way of a dedicatory paragraph. Though the program seems quite skeletal in nature it will be filled to overflowing with your own touches once your committees get to work.

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Build A Bridge!

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After prayer, Bible study and dedication you might like to try some new field of study that could be helpful to you as you try to serve God.

A girl I know took evening classes in bookkeeping and typing that she might be better equipped to earn money when her man would return and finish his education. Another took nurses' training while her husband served in the Air Force. Now both are studying at a Bibletraining school.

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When you are sure of God's will for your life, what about that man of yours? You will be sure first of all that he has made a decision for Christ. This is the ground of all your future happiness.

Then pray for him every day. Because there is no actual war, and the emotional glow brought on by parades and bands and battle headlines is missing, people tend to forget the men in service. Don't let it be that way with you and your church. They should be prayed for by name regularly-in prayer meeting. young peoples' groups and in the worship service.

Make sure the way is open between you and him. Tell him you miss him. If you love him, let him know it. Bring him up-to-date on all the home news, even if you repeat yourself. Better for him to hear twice of a new romance in the gang than never to be told at all. When the kid down the block grows up and buys a car of his own, and when Hometown High wins the football championship, tell him about it. These are the things he wants to know.

When he returns you'll find he's changed, grown up a bit, more self-confident. See that the same is true of you. Learn to make your own decisions and have good reasons for making them. Learn to state clearly and concisely your opinions and suggestions. You want God's will for your life. He does, too. That clears the way for free and open communication between you, and . . .

What's that you say? You've been so busy reading his letters and writing him news of the church gang and home and praying for him and studying that correspondence course and helping out in the church office that you've almost crossed the gap? Well, good!

You mean to say he'll be home from service next month? And the first thing he wants to do is go back to the old church with you to worship and to fellowship with the old gang? Well, praise the Lord! You did build that bridge, didn't you! END

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Student Medicine

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Bursitis

with a sharp, jabbing pain in your shoulder? And with every movement of your arm you suffered more discomfort, until finally you were hardly able to move it? You probably had a bursitis, an affliction that has almost become a household word.

What is a bursa? It is a small, saclike structure which in the course of development of a child nature places in certain areas to aid in gliding motions. Those bursae between skin and bony prominences are called superficial bursae. Those between muscle and bone are deep bursae. For example, the hip region has a deep bursa while the shoulder region has a superficial bursa. Other areas containing bursae are the elbow, the knee, the big toe and many other places. Normally, bursae are filled with a small amount of fluid. When irritated by a fall or a twist the sac fills with more fluid and pain develops when movement occurs over the bursa. The resulting condition is called "bursitis."

In its acute stage bursitis is treated by resting the involved area, removing fluid from the sac if possible, and occasionally injecting hydrocortisone into the bursa. X-ray therapy is helpful. Frequently it may be necessary to give codeine for relief of pain.

In the chronic stage the walls of the bursa may become thickened and calcification may occur. This is frequently seen in "tennis elbow" or "housemaid's linee".

When this happens the sac must be removed surgically under a general anesthetic. Occasionally a bursa may become infected and pus will form in the sac. When heat, redness and swelling are present it should be treated like any other infection—with hot packs and, eventually, by incision and drainage.

When you help mother scrub floors during spring vacation remember to use knee pads to protect your bursae. You cannot, of course, protect every bony prominence of your body, but if you practice moderation in your work and play, your chances of developing bursitis will be slight.—THE DOCTOR

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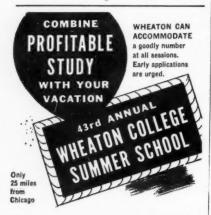
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So it is in the spiritual realm when the "wind of God," the Holy Spirit, blows upon us. His coming is always a promise of better things. Under His gracious influence sin's icy grip is broken and the spirit is set free. Lives once barren and waste begin to throb with life and fruitfulness, and we are made "glad in the Lord."

But all these blessings are reserved for whosoever believeth on the Son of God. We cannot help wondering-and praying as we wonder-if you have believed.

THE EDITORS

(Won't you write your name in the following Scripture portions? Titus chapter three, verses 3 to 6; John chapter three, verses 1 through 17; Second Corinthians chapter five, verse 17; James chapter one, verse 18; Romans chapter fifteen, verse

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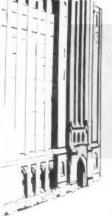
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